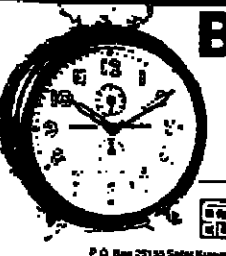


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Dow rebounds, world markets seem to avoid a crash



An equities trader conducting transactions. (Reuters wirephoto)

Closing indices of some markets Stocks drop in Asia, Europe

LONDON, Oct. 16, (AP): Stock markets from London to Tokyo dropped today in response to Friday's plunge on Wall Street. Here are some closing indices:
London: Financial Times-stock exchange 100-share index, 2,163.4, down 70.5 or 3.2 per cent.
Paris: Index Cae, 523.56, down 29.69 or 5.4 per cent.
Frankfurt: German stock index (Dax) 1,385.72, down 203.56 or 12.8 per cent.
Madrid: General index, 305.22, down 17.07 or 5.3 per cent.
Lisbon: BVL, 3,415.1, down 279.3 points, or 7.6 per cent.
Athens: General index, 455.14, down 30.88 or 6.8 per cent.
Oslo: Total index, 464, down 59 or 11.3 per cent.
Amsterdam and Milan were unavailable due to late trading. Brussels and Zurich were unavailable due to technical problems.
Johannesburg: Overall index 2,338, down 277 points, or 10.6 per cent.
Tokyo: 225-issue Nikkei average 34,468.69, down 647.33 or 1.8 per cent.
Hong Kong: Hang Seng index, 2,601.70, down 180.60 or 6.5 per cent.
Sydney: All ordinaries index, 1,601.5, down 140.4 points or 8.5 per cent.
Wellington: Barclays index, 2,058.72, down 191.18 or 8.5 per cent.
Manila: Composite index 1,212.21, down 76.41 or 5.92 per cent.
Taipei: Weighted index 9,690.2, down 329.48 or 3.3 per cent.
Seoul: Korea composite stock price index, 927.21, down 7.20 points or 0.7 per cent.
Singapore: Straits Times index, 1,285.04, down 142.84 points or 10 per cent.
Bangkok: Securities exchange of Thailand, 663.27, down 42.33 points or 6 per cent.
Kuala Lumpur: Composite index, 455.79, down 59.30 points or 11.5 per cent.

Fed injects \$2 billion

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (Agencies): The Dow Jones industrial average managed a rebound even as a deluge of sell orders hit Wall Street today in some of the heaviest trading in the history of the New York stock exchange.
The Dow Jones average, which represents stock prices of America's 30 biggest industrial companies, was up 52.87 points at 2,622.13 at 2:30 pm (1830 GMT), 90 minutes before the close. The average gyrated wildly, starting with a decline of about 63 points shortly after the opening bell.
In Washington, the federal reserve — the US Central Bank — made good on its promise to keep the markets moving by injecting \$2 billion into the banking system. Analysts described the move as restrained.
The Fed had indicated over the

weekend it would move quickly to meet any demands for cash that might result from a deluge of sell orders hitting the US markets.
Meanwhile, turmoil continued in the airline sector. Business mogul Donald Trump announced he was withdrawing his \$7 billion bid for Amer Corp., parent of American Airlines, after the company's stock slid more than \$13 a share. However, he said he would consider lowering his offer.
It was trouble with the employee-management buyout of United Airlines parent UAL Corp. That sparked Friday's 190-point plunge in the Dow, its second-worst point loss ever behind Black Monday's crash in 1987.
Analysts were encouraged that the

market so far had avoided a repeat of the collapse two years ago.
Stocks had declined earlier in Asia and Europe, but the world's stock markets seemed to be avoiding a crash comparable to the global debacle of October 1987.
Nevertheless, the major governments involved were carefully monitoring the situation.
In New York, most of the stocks in the Dow Jones average were posting gains, but the broader market continued to show more issues declining in price than gaining. Losers led advancing issues by a margin of about 4-to-1 at midday, and the discrepancy between the broader market and the Dow confounded analysts.
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Attempt on life Yeltsin 'hoax'

MOSCOW, Oct. 16, (Reuters): The Soviet interior minister said today reformist politician Boris Yeltsin told police he had been the victim of an assassination attempt but later denied it.
Vladimir Bakatin told Parliament that Yeltsin had told police unknown persons had dragged him into a car outside the capital last month, pulled a sack over his head and thrown him off a bridge into the Moscow river.
Yeltsin had appeared at a police station with his clothes soaking wet, but after being collected by his wife and daughter asked police not to report the incident and later denied that anyone had tried to harm him, Bakatin said.
Yeltsin, in a laconic statement after Bakatin's report, acknowledged that there had been no attempt on his life but otherwise did not comment on Bakatin's statements.

Stand by me: Ogilvy

LONDON, Oct. 16, (Reuters): An unmarried cousin of Queen Elizabeth who claims she was cut off by her family after becoming pregnant wept today on national television and appealed to her parents to stand by her.
In an emotional plea to her mother Princess Alexandra, 23-year-old Marina Ogilvy said: "I don't hate you. I want you to love me as a mother. I just want you to stand by me."
Ogilvy described a fraught confrontation with her parents when she revealed her pregnancy and a family ultimatum to marry or to have an abortion. "There was no warmth there at all."
Her disclosure, which prompted tabloid headlines last week, followed unwelcome publicity for the royal family in August when the Queen's daughter Princess Anne separated from her husband of 16 years, Captain Mark Phillips.
Marina Ogilvy, who is 24th in line to the throne, is the daughter of Princess Alexandra and businessman Sir Angus Ogilvy but has no title because her father is a commoner.

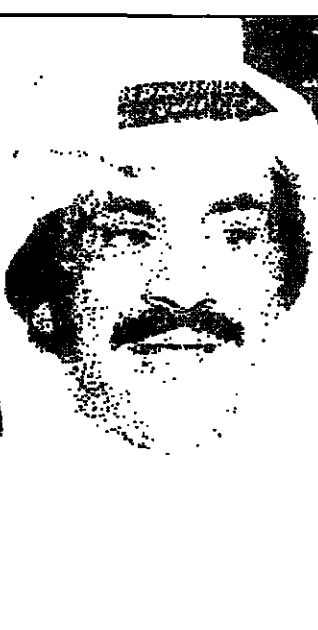
Gem of a Queen

LONDON, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Queen Elizabeth's private treasure of jewels is a palace basement as big as an ice rink, a British newspaper said today.
Extracts in the Daily Mail from a new book on the British royal family's wealth said a secret storeroom some 40 feet (12 metres) beneath Buckingham Palace contained "a veritable zoo of exquisitely carved faberge animals".
The staunchly pro-royal newspaper said the treasure trove was kept under plastic sheet on rows of cheap wooden shelves in "a series of white-walled rooms".
A jeweller, appraiser asked by the Daily Mail to put a price tag on the jewels said the cache of diamonds, emeralds, pearls, sapphires and rubies was worth at least \$35.6 million (\$57 million).

Five tried for insulting Islam

Kuwaiti actors face the music

KUWAIT, Oct. 16, (Reuters): For the first time, actors and a director in Kuwait have been charged by a state court with staging a play offensive to Islam.
The four actors are famous throughout the Gulf, especially in Kuwait, which has 16 playhouses and a tradition of lively, politically-charged theatre which attracts a wide following.
The charges were brought against them after four citizens filed a complaint to the state prosecutor that the play insulted Islam.
At the first court hearing today, the judge questioned defendants about the play, the defence lawyer said. The next hearing was set for Oct. 23.
The actors: Abdul Hussein Abdul Rida, Saad Faraj, Khalid Al Nafeesi and Mohammed Al Suraya, are well known for their roles in popular television serials. The other defendant is director Abdul Amir Al Turki.
If found guilty, the five face between three months and seven years' imprisonment, Turki said.
The play, "Hadhra Seifu," or "This is Seif," is a comedy that pits mullahs against merchants, who are portrayed as exploiting



Abdul Rida

local people.
It opened in May 1988 and ran for 36 nights before being stopped by the government. "If they didn't stop it, it would still be running now," Faraj said.
The play's events begin in 1945 when merchants start speculating in land just as Kuwait is about to begin exporting oil, Turki said.
The cast said the play shows

the mullahs in a positive light, fighting on the side of the people. The controversy largely centred around insults traded on stage between the merchants and the mullahs.
Sayed Othman adds: During the proceedings Faraj and Suraya testified that the objective of the play was not to defame Islam, but to depict the struggle between "good and evil." In this respect, they said, the role of the mullah played by actor Ibrahim Al Salal represented the "forces of good."
Turki said that the play was the first of three about Kuwait's history and the events of the first part were about the period till 1956.
The artists stressed that the script was passed by the censorship department of the Ministry of Information and added that they did not add or deviate from the script. However, they said that usually actors use some words in the event that they forget as part of the script.
The play was severely criticised by the religious circles in the country for defaming Islam.
Abdul Rida, however, did not attend the court session yesterday as he has been admitted to hospital.
The court will continue its hearings next week into the first case of its kind in Kuwait.



God! Have mercy

Former Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos sings Ave Maria over the casket of her husband former Philippines president Ferdinand Marcos during memorial rites at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park. (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 2)

House okays base referendum

Filipino Senate pressured

MANILA, Oct. 16, (AP): The House of Representatives today approved a bill calling for a referendum on any agreement extending the stay of US military bases, a move that critics say is aimed at pressuring a hostile Senate into ratifying such an accord.
The lower chamber gave unanimous approval to a proposal, offered by Deputy Speaker Antonio Cuenco, calling for a non-binding national vote on the issue within 90 days of completion of talks on extending the lease on Clark Air Base, the Subi Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations.
Their lease expires in Sept. 1991. Talks between US and Filipino negotiators are expected to begin in December.
The house acted despite strong opposition from the

Senate.
The constitution, ratified in 1987, states that any extension must be provided for under a formal treaty ratified by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate and by national referendum "if congress so decides."
In August, 12 senators called for closing the bases in 1991, when the lease expires. That would be enough to block any extension.
But most public opinion surveys indicate a majority of Filipinos support the bases, although there is considerable opposition within the educated, urban middle class.
Although the house bill provides for a non-binding vote, a strong pro-bases outcome would pressure the Senate into accepting the will of the people.

Ankara... Shrewi's legs condition stable



Shrewi is helped into a taxi (left) after being seriously injured by a bomb. (Reuters wirephoto)

Saudi escapes assassination

ANKARA, Oct. 16, (Agencies): A bomb seriously injured a Saudi diplomat in the Turkish capital today, exploding under the seat of his car and shattering both his legs.
The Saudi Arabian embassy said the bomb, which blew out windows in nearby seven-storey apartment blocks, apparently went off just after attaché Abdurrahman Shrewi, 28, had parked in Ankara's Cankaya residential district.
A hospital doctor said Shrewi had lost both legs, shattered in the blast.
"His right leg was amputated at the knee and he also lost the left leg above the knee joint but he is not in critical danger," chief doctor Celik Tasar of Ankara's Hacettepe hospital told Reuters.
Tasar said Shrewi's condition was stable after two hours of surgery.
The bomb exploded in front of a four-storey building which houses the offices of the Saudi military attaché where Shrewi worked in the accounts section.

Ankara governor Saffet Arikkan Beduk told reporters he believed the blast had been caused by a time-bomb.
The Saudi embassy has asked for a special plane to be flown from Saudi Arabia to take the diplomat home, sources in the embassy said.
Police said the place where Shrewi usually parked his car at night, and the parking lot in front of the Saudi military attaché's office, were closely watched 24 hours a day.
Investigators were trying to determine whether the bomb was placed inside the car or under it. It was not immediately clear whether Shrewi stopped anywhere before arriving at the military attaché's office.
The bomb could have been planted inside or under the car if Shrewi left the vehicle briefly somewhere along the way, bomb experts said. But the distance from his home to the office was so short that some officials believed it unlikely he stopped anywhere.

Shrewi is the second Saudi diplomat to be attacked in Ankara in the past year. Embassy second secretary Abdulghani Bedkawi was shot dead by a gunman on the steps to his Cankaya home on Oct. 26 last year.
No claims have been made for either attack.
Turkey's Foreign Ministry said: "We strongly condemn the second such attack on a Saudi Arabian diplomat in Ankara. Turkey reiterates its strong determination to combat acts of terrorism in the world."
Both attacks occurred under one km (half-a-mile) from the Saudi embassy building and from the official hilltop residences of Turkish President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.
Saudi Arabia said last January it would adopt new security measures to protect its nationals working abroad after the killings within three months of Bedkawi and a Saudi diplomat in Thailand. Another diplomat in Pakistan was seriously wounded.

Khaddafi meets Mubarak

Egypt, Libya 'patch up'

MERSA METRUH, Egypt, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak held reconciliation talks with Libya's Muammar Khaddafi today and said he would resume discussions with the revolutionary leader in Libya tomorrow.
Khaddafi flew back from the resort of Mersa Metruh in an Egyptian presidential jet after a meeting lasting two hours 40 minutes in a villa overlooking the Mediterranean on ways to end one of the region's longest-standing sources of tension.
Mubarak told reporters he would go to the Libyan garrison town of Tobruk for more talks, after which contacts would be maintained at what he called a lower level.
Asked if he and Khaddafi had agreed to restore full diplomatic ties, Mubarak said: "I did not open this issue today."
Libya and Syria are the only Arab states not to have renewed relations with Cairo, severed in protest at Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.
Relations between the two neighbours, usually stormy since Khaddafi took power 20 years ago, plunged to an all-time low in 1977 with a brief border war.
But the frontier was reopened and the two countries resumed airline flights after Mubarak and Khaddafi met at Casablanca last May during an Arab League summit.
Officials said the only concrete agreement reached during Khaddafi's first visit to Egypt in 10 years was to allow Libyans and Egyptians to cross the land border on production of travellers' identity cards.
Khaddafi indicated he had dropped a long-standing claim to Egypt's western desert. "This soil is Arab soil. It is the Libyan and Egyptian people and soil," he told reporters.
Many Egyptians had feared that Khaddafi would use his visit to stage a melodramatic gesture of revolutionary zeal, but instead the tenor of his appearance was low-key.



Mubarak (right) greets Khaddafi on his arrival at a presidential residence in Egypt. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pak call for arms control

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 16, (AP): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto called today for arms control talks with India to prevent an arms race on the Indian subcontinent.
Benazir made the proposal in a question and answer interview published in the New Straits Times newspaper today, two days before the beginning of the 46-nation Commonwealth summit.
Pakistan will be rejoining the Commonwealth after a 17-year absence.
Asked Pakistan's reaction to India's growing military strength, Benazir said, "the competition gets greater and the strain gets heavier."
"I think it is very important that we start exploring the idea of arms control talks with India to prevent an arms race in the conventional arms field or in the nuclear field," said Benazir, whose country has fought three border wars with India.
While it is up to each country to determine its own defense needs, she said, "nonetheless, the recent growth of India's blue water navy or blue water policy, and also its acquisition of a nuclear submarine and the launching of Agni clearly caused a tremendous amount of apprehension."
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Atlantis blastoff today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct. 16 (UPI) — Technicians today restarted the shuttle Atlantis interrupted countdown, fine-tuning the repaired spaceplane for blastoff tomorrow on a flight to fire the \$1.4 billion nuclear-powered Galileo probe to Jupiter.

A handful of anti-nuclear activists vowed to violate the security zone at the Kennedy Space Centre in a symbolic protest amid legal efforts in Washington to ground the mission because of concern about the safety of the plutonium-powered Jupiter probe.

But NASA officials are confident Atlantis and its costly cargo will blast off on schedule tomorrow at 12:57 pm, five days later than originally planned because of work to replace a faulty computer bolted to one of the shuttle's three main engines.

"We look good for tomorrow's launch," said NASA test director Al Sojka, adding he was not overly concerned about threats to trespass at the spaceport.

"We're very comfortable with our security office here," he said. "Certainly, we don't want to launch with someone on the pad."

Marcos entombed in Hawaii

Body will remain until it can return to Philippines

HONOLULU, Oct. 16 (AP) — While his family awaits a ruling on a permanent burial site, Ferdinand Marcos has been entombed in Hawaii in a ceremony attended by hundreds of the late Philippine president's loyalists.

"Weep not, for you sat at the feet of a man touched by God," Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said during the tribute to his father yesterday.

"He was my hero, he was my general. He was my teacher, my friend. He was my father," said Marcos Jr. commonly known as "Bong Bong."

The family says the former president's body will remain in the above-ground tomb until it can be returned to the Philippines, which he ruled for 20 years until he was ousted in a popular uprising three years ago.

In the Philippines, President Corason Aquino said today it was up to the Supreme Court to decide whether the entombment in Hawaii would be as temporary as the ousted president's family hopes.

Marcos' followers have asked the Supreme Court to overturn a ban on

his burial in the Philippines, but there is no indication when the 15-judge panel will issue a ruling.

"From what I have been reading from the newspapers, the family of Marcos is thinking of this entombment as very temporary," Aquino told reporters. "As we all know, the matter is now with the Supreme Court, and it is up to the Supreme Court to decide whether the remains of Marcos will be allowed here or not."

In Hawaii, the National Weather Service said the temperature at the cemetery was about 83 degrees Fahrenheit (28 degrees Celsius) with 72 per cent humidity.

More than 2,500 people waited hours for Marcos' widow, Imelda, to arrive at the valley of the temples memorial park with her husband's body.

Enrique Fernando, the last Philippine Supreme Court Chief Justice during Marcos' presidency, collapsed during Bong Bong's emotional speech and was hospitalized.



The Philippines flag-draped casket bearing the remains of Marcos sits before its mausoleum at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park. Imelda and Ferdinand Jr. look on. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dr. Azucena Ignacio, Marcos' personal physician, rushed from the raised platform holding Marcos' coffin and attended to Fernando before an ambulance whisked him to St.

Francis Medical Center. Marcos died at the same hospital Sept. 28 at age 72 after a long illness. Hospital officials said the 74-year-old Fernando was in stable condition

last night, but refused to release details. Marcos spokesman Roger Peyuan said Fernando has a history of heart disease, but did not suffer a heart attack yesterday.

18 arrested in Fiji for firebombing Indian temples and mosque

SUVA, Fiji, Oct. 16 (AP) — Arsonists torched three Indian temples and a mosque over the weekend and police said today they had arrested 18 ethnic Fijians for the attacks, the worst racial violence since two coups in 1987.

The interim government appealed for calm and outrage over the firebombings. Indian leaders said the attacks were designed

to intimidate Indians, who hold a slight majority over indigenous Fijians on the Pacific island of 715,000 people.

The attacks occurred on the eve of one of the holiest days in the Muslim calendar, the Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) birthday, and two weeks before the Hindu festival of light, Diwali.

Witnesses said the attacks took place

simultaneously early yesterday on the Hare Krishna, Hindu and Sikh temples, and at a Muslim mosque in the centre of the city. They said the attackers poured gasoline on the fires.

In Sydney, the Coalition for Democracy in Fiji released a statement saying the incidents "must heighten speculation about another military coup."

The pattern of destabilisation and intimidation directed at the Indian community is designed to show the world that there will be no stability in Fiji," said Adi Asenaca Uluivili, the group's chairman.

A police spokesman said no one was injured in the fires, which caused an estimated \$170,000 damage.

Red Cross in as killings go on

13 more slain in Lanka

COLOMBO, Oct. 16 (Agencies) — Thirteen more killings were reported today in Sri Lanka's civil war as a Red Cross team arrived from Switzerland to help trace missing persons, visit detention centres and provide humanitarian aid.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa invited the International Committee of the Red Cross to send a delegation last week. The invitation followed charges by opposition politicians that pro-government death squads were killing sympathisers of a radical group trying to overthrow the government.

The government has denied the charge and blames the People's Liberation Front, an ultranationalist Sinhalese group fighting to topple the government, for most of the 5,000 killings in the Sinhalese heartland in the past two years.

Human rights activists and opposition politicians welcomed

Premadasa's invitation to the Red Cross. But some said they feared it was prompted by economic concerns, noting that major Western aid donors are to meet in Paris this week to consider Sri Lanka's \$750-million request for foreign help.

The four-member Red Cross team that arrived today from Geneva was led by Philippe Comtesse. The Red Cross delegates declined to speak to reporters.

Meanwhile, the government said its soldiers shot and killed two Sinhalese extremists who tried to escape arrest in Matara, a town that has been a major centre of operations for the front. Matara is 135 kilometres (85 miles) southeast of Colombo.

Other killings reported in the past 24 hours included two Sinhalese youths whose bodies were found in Kandy, 90 kilometres (55 miles) east of Colombo.

Nine Sinhalese civilians died in three separate attacks by suspected Sinhalese extremists in south-

ern and central Sri Lanka, a government communiqué said. It also said two Sinhalese Buddhist monks had been abducted by unknown gunmen.

The People's Liberation Front has accused the Sinhalese-dominated government of making too many concessions to members of the Tamil minority. Tamil rebels have been fighting for a separate homeland since 1983 in a civil war that has killed an additional 11,000 people.

Indian troops gave their rations to the people of Akkaraipattu, east coast Sri Lankan village today, saying they were preparing to go home after a two-year presence on the island.

"The Indians gave us rice, flour, sugar and kerosene oil free of charge. They said they are packing to go home," one villager at Akkaraipattu in Ampara district said.

Indian Army officers in

Ampara declined to say when the soldiers would leave.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said last week the remaining 4,000 Indian troops on the island were expected to start withdrawing from the Tamil-dominated northeast today.

Residents said the Indians last week closed two of their three camps in Akkaraipattu.

The police, assisted by the Civil Volunteer Force (CVF) comprised mainly of Tamil youths, will take over security operations in the area, Wijeratne said.

Former Industries Minister Cyril Mathew, an ardent crusader for Sinhalese nationalism, died today of a heart attack, relatives said. He was 77.

Mathew was expelled from the cabinet and the ruling United National Party by President Junius R. Jayewardene in 1984 after criticising a conference called by Jayewardene to redress grievances of the Tamil minority.

Peer enters politics

Atroshi starts party

DHAKA, Oct. 16, (Reuter) — A Bangladeshi holy man whose followers range from President Hussain Muhammad Ershad to ordinary villagers has launched a political party.

Moulana Shah Sufi Hashmatullah, known as the Peer Saheb of Atroshi, will head the Zaker Sangathan (organisation of the like-minded) dedicated to the cause of Islam.

The founding of the party was announced yesterday by the peer's son who said his father would follow a non-political course but would ask his followers to act as a political force when Islamic interests demanded.

Ershad, who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1982, visits the peer in the northern district of Faridpur nearly every other week.

Everyone thanked

Teresa attends mass

CALCUTTA, Oct. 16, (AP) — Mother Teresa, the frail Nobel peace prize winner who suffered a heart attack last month, attended mass with her fellow nuns today and issued a message thanking the world and her doctors for their prayers.

The 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun was released from the Woodlands Nursing Home on Saturday.

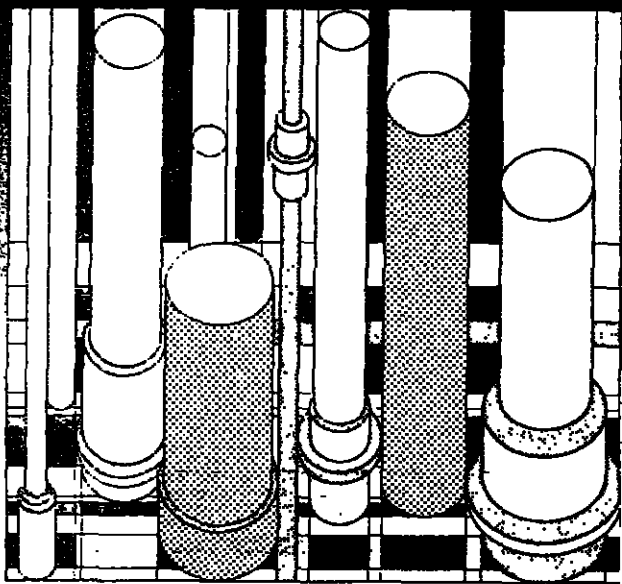
Mother Teresa's message, written in a firm hand in her distinctive penmanship, read:

"Kindly thank the people of the whole world and the Woodlands people for all their prayers and tender love and care I have received. God bless you. M. Teresa M.C."

"MC" stands for the Missionaries of Charity, the order of Roman Catholic nuns founded by the Yugoslav-born nun in 1950.

"Mother Teresa is much better today and progressing quite steadily. She is quite radiant. She joined us in the prayers at the 6.30 mass this morning," said Sister Dorothy, an Indian-born nun tending the 1979 Nobel prize winner.

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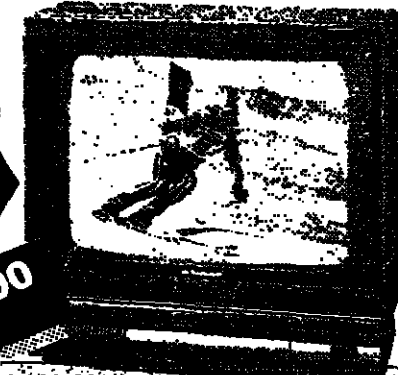
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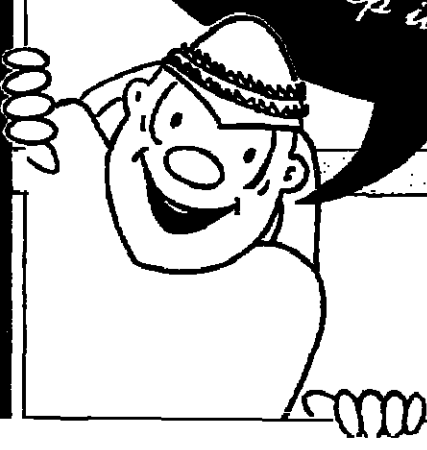


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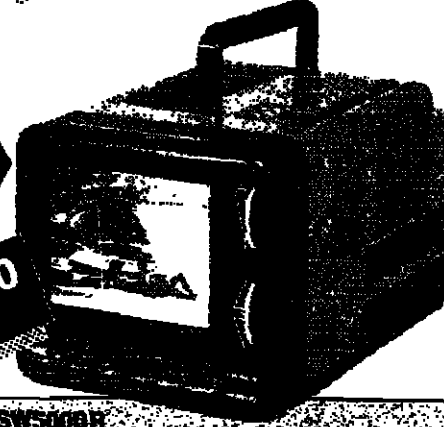
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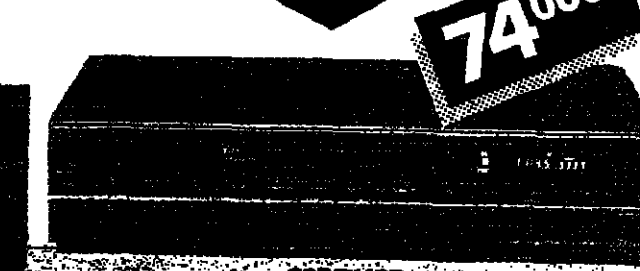
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ROCHESTER, Minnesota: A jury rejected an insanity defence in the second phase of the trial of an 18-year-old already convicted of murder in the six slayings of his parents and two siblings.

David Brom, a 16-year-old secondary school student at the time of the deaths, knew what he was doing and knew it was wrong, the jury ruled in completing Minnesota's two-part trial system for insanity pleas.

"Obviously we're very pleased with the verdict," said prosecutor Ray Schmitz, the Olmsted county judge. He said he would urge the judge to give Brom the maximum sentence of 70 years in prison on each count.

Brom, surrounded by sheriff's deputies, showed no emotion when the verdict was announced.

If judge Amy Merse sentences Brom to consecutive sentences on the convictions, Brom will have no possibility of parole until the year 2059.

Brom was described as a gentle boy who wrote poetry but also liked hard-core rock music with violent overtones.

He had pleaded innocent by reason of mental illness in the February 1988 deaths at the family's rural Rochester home. (AP)



Jail time for Gabor

NEW YORK: Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi felt lucky in his booking of a hotel room in the Soviet Union, and said that the Moscow music peace festival, a two-day August concert that featured nine bands, yielded many firsts.

"The Soviet Union has never experienced anything like it," said the singer from New Jersey.

"Neither have I."

US magazine printed a diary that Bon Jovi kept during the trip in its Oct 30 issue.

On the accommodations: "The Ukraine is, for Russia, a four-star hotel. In America, it would be a no-star motel. I'm one of the lucky ones: My room has hot water, a shower curtain and only a handful of friendly cockroaches. But the dent in my mattress would probably be considered a pothole in New York City."

Russian Pepsi is "sweet enough to strip the enamel off my teeth."

Complains aside, Bon Jovi said, playing in Moscow afforded "the highest high we've ever experienced."

The festival was organised to raise money for the Make A Difference Foundation, a non-profit organisation in Raleigh, North Carolina. (AP)

DALLAS, Texas: Marilyn Quayle, wife of US Vice-President Dan Quayle, spoke at a fund-raiser for breast cancer prevention and tearfully recalled her mother's death from the disease.

Mrs Quayle said that her mother's death 16 years ago at age 56 could have been prevented with early detection and treatment.

She spoke to about 2,000 people at the annual luncheon of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which since 1982 has raised more than \$6 million for breast cancer research programmes, education and awareness projects and screening centres across the country.

"My mother lost her battle.... I'm resolved to help win her war in the name of Susan Komen and in the name of my mother," said Mrs Quayle.

She sobbed for several moments as she embraced Nancy Briker, founding chairwoman of the Komen Foundation. The organisation was named for Mrs Briker's sister, who died of breast cancer at age 36. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO: Opera director Nikolaus Lehnhoff, who created and produced the San Francisco opera "Ring Of The Nibelung" in 1985, has pulled out of the company's planned revival of the Wagner cycle.

Lehnhoff, in a letter to company general director Lotfi Mansouri, said the rehearsal schedule for next year's cycle was unworkable and made it impossible to achieve "even a blueprint" of the earlier production.

Lehnhoff wrote to Mansouri last month, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Mansouri confirmed Lehnhoff's withdrawal but denied the schedules were as unworkable as Lehnhoff claimed. Mansouri said he would oversee the production of the operas, scheduled for June and July (AP)

PADOVA, Italy: Doctors said that a 39-year-old Italian girl who underwent a heart transplant operation was in stable condition and resting peacefully more than a day after the surgery.

Giorgia Panizzolo, who was born on Sept 5 with a benign tumour in her heart, became the youngest person to undergo the surgery in Italy when doctors at Padova hospital completed the four-hour operation early on Saturday.

Dr Vincenzo Gallucci, who headed the surgical team, said that the girl would have had no chance of survival without the transplant and was at the point of death when the surgery began late Friday night.

The hospital said the donor was a 3-month-old West German boy who died on Friday in Freiburg of a cerebral aneurysm. (AP)

MEMPHIS, Tennessee: A Soviet Elvis fan stepped off an airplane in blue suede shoes, clutching an exit visa issued solely for a visit to Graceland, the home of his hero.

Kolya Vasin, 44, an artist, sculptor and rock impresario from Leningrad, arrived in Memphis on Sunday night. He was greeted by about 100 people, mostly members of area Elvis fan clubs.

"I am admirer of Elvis from Russia. I am ambassador of Russian rock 'n' roll. I love rock 'n' roll many, many years," he said. "I am happy to be here today."

Vasin said he's been an Elvis fan since hearing a bootleg copy of "Jailhouse Rock" and visiting Graceland will be the culmination of a 30-year dream. (AP)

THE brief lull in Zsa Zsa mania is about to end.

The irrepressible diva of decollete, found guilty of slapping a cop, faces a possible 16-month hitch in jail and \$3,000 in fines when she returns to court tomorrow for sentencing.

Few expect the former Miss Hungary to spend any time behind bars, but a group of inmates from Sing Sing, anticipating just that, have sent a fan letter saying, "you're welcome in the big house."

The task of sentencing Gabor falls to municipal court judge Charles Rubin, who at one point during the tortuous 15-day trial noted that the proceeding was "unfortunately going on much longer than expected — and might fall in the category of 'too long'."

The diamond-studded spitfire, awaiting her fate at her Bel Air mansion, continues to insist she did nothing wrong. (Reuter wirephoto).

Rescuers watch Shark eats scuba diver

HONOLULU, Oct 18, (AP): Fire department divers watched helplessly from the surface as a 12-foot (3.5 metre) shark fed on the body of a scuba diver who had failed to return from an outing the night before.

Acting Capt. Aaron Young of Rescue Squad 11 said he ordered his men out of the water yesterday when he determined there was no safe way to reach the body.

Young said the divers later recovered the victim's dive equipment and a small part of his body that was with his wet suit.

"There is no way we could find out if he got into trouble and he died or if he initially was attacked by sharks," Young said.

The 33-year-old man's name was not immediately disclosed, pending notification of his family.

He had gone diving with three companions Saturday evening, but failed to return to shore, officials said. A search Saturday night was suspended because of darkness and resumed yesterday morning, Young said.

NEW YORK: Film director Louis Malle is a clumsy man who throws himself into life with such zeal that he often lands on his head, says Malle's wife, actress Camille Bergen.

"He's always bleeding," Bergen said in the Oct 30 issue of US magazine. "Once, in Paris, I met him at the airport during the time of all the terrorist attacks. Suddenly, I saw everybody in the airport was backing up, aghast, as Louis parted the crowd, with his head in bloody bandages."

"Everybody thought he'd been a victim of terrorism, but he'd just been running to get a luggage cart and hit his head on a pole," said Bergen.

Bergen said her three-year-old daughter, Chloé, shares her father's metabolism and curiosity. And, so far, her mother's disregard for high fashion. (AP)

MOSCOW: An aborted foetus dumped in a Soviet hospital mortuary was found to be alive after an orderly heard crying.

Moscow radio said on Monday. The foetus was assumed to be dead by doctors who carried out a "complicated operation" on the mother and sent it to the mortuary of the hospital in the Black Sea town of Novorossiysk.

An orderly tidying up the room heard crying and went to fetch colleagues, the radio added.

"They were completely taken aback when on the ice-cold concrete floor, wrapped in a hospital cloth, they discovered a new-born baby," it added.

The report said the baby had been reunited with its mother but its health was causing concern. (Reuters)

SAN JOSE, California: An underground network has started circulating leaflets urging AIDS activists to disrupt the holiday season this year in an attempt to draw more attention to the dreaded disease.

The gay retaliation for inexcusable negligence and criminal homophobia calls itself "Grinch," after the grumbly character from Dr Seuss' classic holiday tale of how the Grinch stole Christmas.

To wreck the Christmas season the organisation is urging activists to participate in "operation Grinch" beginning on Nov 24 by blocking traffic, planting stinkbombs in department stores, flooding airline reservation lines and shutting down automatic bank teller machines. (AP)

Father vows to catch game park murderer
Julie Ward: victim of animal mauling or a psychopath?

All that remains of Julie Ward is a severed lower leg and bits of her skull. Her father is convinced the young Briton was murdered by a game park psychopath and has spent a small fortune trying to prove his case. The government claims she was eaten by wild animals. Chege Mbitira and Didrikke Schanche of Associated Press (AP) writers, covered the case and prepared the following story.

NAIROBI, Kenya, Oct 16, (AP): One of the few things uncontested during the inquest was that the young, British tourist was killed in one of the world's most famous wildlife preserves.

But whether Julie Ward was devoured by wild animals, or held captive for six days before being dismembered, and her murder concealed by an official cover-up remains a question.

Chief magistrate Joseph Mango has promised to rule on the matter Oct 27, closing the inquest held to determine whether enough evidence exists to open a murder investigation into the 28-year-old Briton's death.

The hearing, largely the result of pressure from Ms Ward's father, John Ward, has met intermittently since mid-August. Ward, a successful hotelier from Suffolk, England, has vowed to pursue the case whatever Mango's verdict.

His daughter, a wildlife photography enthusiast, was four months into her second trip to Kenya when she disappeared Sept 6, 1988, in the sprawling southwestern Masai Mara Game Reserve.

That was the day she was planning to return to her brown Suzuki bush vehicle to the capital where she was to catch a plane out of Kenya, according to witnesses and family.

It was the last time she was seen alive.

Seven days later, following an air and ground search, Ms Ward's second-hand Suzuki was found mired in a creek well off her intended route. Six miles (10 kilometres) away in trackless bush, searchers found the young woman's lower leg and charred and severed lower left leg near a pile of ashes and partly burned personal belongings.

Kenyan police said Ms Ward either committed suicide or was eaten by one of the many carnivores that inhabit the game reserve, home to Kenya's largest lion population.

Her father, however, insists his daughter was murdered and has spent hundreds of hours and tens of thousands of dollars in private investigations trying to prove it.

"I want to catch the man who killed her because he must have put the little girl through an awful lot of pain and terror before she died," said Ward.

He has made at least 20 trips to Kenya since first learning of his daughter's disappearance when he organised and funded the air search that found Ms Ward's vehicle. He has travelled to other countries to interview potential witnesses. And he has hired a private investigator and a pathologist who examined his daughter's remains and determined she was murdered.

Ward and his attorney, Byron Georgiadis, dismiss the suicide and wild animal theories as absurd and claim park employees and police engaged in a massive cover-up either to protect Ms Ward murderer or Kenya's lucrative tourist industry.

Georgiadis has sought to build a case that Ms Ward was killed by someone who knew the Masai Mara well, who had freedom of movement there and who could have ordered or inspired a coverup of the circumstances surrounding her disappearance. He has accused the Mara's senior game warden, Simon Makallah, of involvement in the death.

Makallah found Ms Ward's remains within hours

after the Suzuki was located and Georgiadis claims he was able to do that only because he already knew where they were. He further claims the game warden planted Ms Ward's vehicle in the creek.

"Mr Makallah knew where her remains were and was going there to make sure that nothing was left, but he was with others so when he saw some still remained he had to 'find them'," Georgiadis said in his closing argument Oct 5.

To commit suicide, says Georgiadis, Ms Ward would have had to have engaged in a series of irrational and finally impossible actions.

Ultimately, he argues, she would have to have hacked off her left leg, lopped off her head and doused her own remains with petrol before setting them on fire.

The wild animals theory was rejected after pathologists' reports both in Kenya and Britain determined Ms Ward had been dismembered with a sharp instrument and her remains subsequently burned, says Ward and Georgiadis. Both reports determined she died Sept 12, 1988.

However, the Kenyan report prepared by state pathologist Dr Adel Yousef Shaker, which initially said Ms Ward's remains had been "cleanly cut" and that she had suffered a "sharp wound," subsequently was changed by a superior.

The altered report said instead her remains had "cracked" and "torn," injuries more indicative of an animal's mauling.

This report proved a key point during the inquest. Georgiadis claimed Shaker was "leaned on" to accept the changes. His superior, Dr Jason Kaviti, testified he made the changes only after consultations with Shaker.

Accepting the altered report as true, said state prosecutor Alex Etyang, left one with no other possible conclusion than that Ms Ward died by misadventure — implicitly endorsing the wild

animals theory.

Etyang denied there had been any sort of coverup involving Ms Ward's death, but admitted police may have been insufficient and incompetent in their investigation.

Superintendent Muchiri Wanjau, a police investigator specially assigned to the Ward case, admitted several blunders, including failure to take statements from rangers present where Ms Ward last was seen or from a Swiss film crew camped several hundred yards (metres) from where her vehicle was found. He also failed to record statements made by Maasai tribesmen camped a mile (1.9 kilometres) from where Ms Ward's remains were found and who Georgiadis said told police they had heard a woman's screams.

In addition to the altered post mortem report and the police failures in the case, Georgiadis' claim of cover-up points to the forgery committed by the game park gate keeper, David Nchoko, who wrote Ms Ward's name in his visitor's book the day she was supposed to have left Mara.

The visitor's book containing Ms Ward's signature would have been the only material evidence the young woman left her campsite as intended. But confronted with a handwriting expert's testimony her signature had been forged, Nchoko admitted he had entered it into the book, saying Ms Ward had forgotten to.

"The fact that he forged and lied brings into question the whole edifice of the assertion that she left Sand River Gate on Sept 6," said Georgiadis.

At the inquest's conclusion, Ward remained puzzled over why the Kenyans had gone to such "enormous trouble" trying to prove his daughter was not murdered and said it was either because the state was trying "to protect tourism or that they know who did this and are protecting someone."

Tourism earned Kenya \$360 mil or last year and is the nation's largest foreign exchange earner.

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2 die in drug bomb blast

BOGOTA, Oct. 16, (UPI): A car bomb exploded in front of the offices of a crusading anti-drug newspaper in the town of Bucaramanga today, killing two people and wounding seven, police said.

Police suspected the blast was the work of one of the drug cartel-funded hit squads formed August to battle the Colombian government in its fight against the country's cocaine barons.

Police said a parked car filled with dynamite went off at the headquarters of the Vanguardia Liberal newspaper in the centre of Bucaramanga, 195 miles (314 km) north of the capital.

One victim, a security guard at the newspaper, was killed instantly and a second person died at a hospital.

The explosion damaged businesses and homes within two blocks of the newspaper, downed power lines and burst water pipes.

The attack came as the government continued to move forward on its promise to keep extraditing suspected drug traffickers to the United States.

A reputed drug cartel member wanted in New York on cocaine smuggling charges was arrested in the city of Cali hours after three other alleged cartel members were extradited to the US, police said yesterday.

Eduardo Mera Mosquera, 36, was captured Saturday night at an apartment in northern Cali, 200 miles (322 km) southeast of Bogota, authorities said.

Mera, who was arrested in New York in 1984 on drug trafficking charges, is wanted by a federal court in New York City for allegedly smuggling cocaine from Colombia to the US.

He has been twice arrested in Colombia but managed to escape both times, the Bogota newspaper El Tiempo reported. He was described as a member of one of Colombia's powerful drug cartels but is not on the US government's 12 most-wanted list.

In a raid Saturday on a Bogota apartment, police captured Tulio Consuelo Rincon Barrera, 35, an alleged accountant for Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, one of the three leaders of the Medellin cocaine cartel, El Espectador reported.

The accountant maintains she has never met the Medellin cartel leader and only filled out income tax forms for one of his reputed underlings, Leonardo Vargas Vargas, who was arrested last week, El Espectador said.

The two arrests culminated a week of intensified operations against drug traffickers. Among other suspected traffickers seized last week was Jose Rafael Abello Silva, 34, who is wanted in the US State of Oklahoma on federal charges of conspiracy and distribution of cocaine.

Julian Palma Molina, 46, also was arrested last week and wanted by federal authorities in Miami on drug trafficking and money laundering charges. El Espectador reported yesterday that he has been notified of his extradition and has five days to appeal.

Earlier Saturday, the Colombian government extradited three accused drug traffickers, including a key figure in the notorious Medellin gang, to the US, defying long-standing threats of violent retaliation by the nation's powerful cocaine cartels.

The three accused traffickers, Ana Elena Rodriguez Tamayo, Bernardo Pelaez Roldan and Roberto Peter Carlini, are all wanted for smuggling cocaine from Colombia to the US and for drug money laundering.

Salvadorans pray for peace

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Oct. 16, (AP): The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Salvador called on Salvadorans yesterday to pray for guerrilla chiefs and government representatives who are discussing how to end a 10-year-old civil war.

Leftist rebel commanders and government officials meet today in San Jose, Costa Rica.

"We consider this meeting very important. It could be a significant step toward peace, and that is why we are helping the participants with our prayers," said Mons. Arturo Rivera Damas during yesterday's mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The Catholic Church, which claims the devotion of the vast majority of Salvadorans, has scheduled special services and an overnight vigil ending tomorrow morning at the downtown cathedral.

Fear of white backlash grows in South Africa

ANC leaders vow to fight on

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 16, (Agencies): Fears of a white backlash grew in South Africa today after jailed black nationalists freed at the weekend immediately resumed political activity and vowed to fight on against apartheid.

The rightwing Conservative Party (CP), the main white opposition to President F.W. de Klerk's National Party (NP), said the release of the eight top political prisoners risked bringing chaos and eventual black Marxist rule to the country.

Pro-government white newspapers warned the eight elderly men

against political militancy, saying it would hinder Nelson Mandela's release and delay reform.

Most of the eight spent the day relaxing with friends and family, but one, former African National Congress (ANC) Secretary-General Walter Sisulu, 77, held meetings at his home near Johannesburg.

"He never stops. He went to bed late last night and this morning he was the first up to start working," a friend said outside his house in the city's black Soweto township.

Sisulu and the other activists held a news conference within hours of



Discreet rendezvous

Members of the Angola's Unita movement wave as they arrived in Roquebrune (French Riviera) for a discreet meeting with Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko. (Reuter wirephoto)

Angolan peace bid Mobutu backed

ROQUEBRUNE, France, Oct. 16, (Reuter): Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko's efforts to revive Angolan peace talks received South Africa's blessing today, but Foreign Minister P.W. Botha urged Mobutu to restart negotiations from scratch.

Botha's two-hour meeting with Mobutu rounded off a weekend of intense negotiations at the Zairean leader's luxurious villa on the French Riviera.

A Mobutu spokesman said Botha supported Mobutu's mediation aimed at arranging a ceasefire in Angola's 14-year civil war.

But a South African source stressed that Pretoria did not accept Mobutu's version of a ceasefire he arranged in June, which rapidly collapsed. He said it was unthinkable that the Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi, a Pretoria ally, would have accepted such unfavourable terms.

"It would have amounted to Savimbi showing the white flag," the source said.

Botha would therefore like a re-start of "proper negotiations" including direct talks between Unita (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) and the Marxist government of President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos.

Since the consultations began last Friday, Mobutu has in turn received Angolan Foreign Minister Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem, US State Department Africa expert Herman Cohen and Unita leader Savimbi.

No details of the discussions have been made public but they were apparently paving the way for full-blown talks.

Both Mobutu and Savimbi are expected to remain in France for the next few days. Mobutu also wants to meet President Francois Mitterrand.

Top-level shuffle in Panama army

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 16, (Reuter): Panama announced a shakeup of top army officers yesterday, 12 days after strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega crushed a bloody coup attempt.

Six new appointments announced by pro-government television included a replacement for Colonel Julio Oy Young, operations chief of the high command and one of the most senior officers arrested after the failed coup.

The announcement said that Maj. Rafael Cedeno was named state security chief. Cedeno, who has worked as an assistant to Noriega, replaced Col. Guillermo Wong, who was detained for alleged involvement in the Oct 3 uprising.

Noriega held the same post from 1971 until 1983, when he became head of the 15,000-man Defence Forces.

Military sources have said that various units were slow to come to Noriega's aid on Oct 3, and leaders of those units are being replaced.

Authorities say 10 rebels were killed and 37 arrested after the coup attempt, the most serious challenge to Noriega in six years as army chief and Panama's de facto ruler.

beyond an initial response, said Larry Dietrick, director of the state division of environmental quality.

"Because of Alyeska's expressed position and the need to ensure adequate oil spill response, effective Nov 13, 1989, the Department of Environmental Conservation will prohibit the loading of any tanker at the Valdez terminal if that tanker does not have an approved contingency plan," Dietrick wrote in letters to more than two dozen tanker companies.

The state warned the president of Alyeska in a separate letter from Dennis Kelso, the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, that "no tanker should be loaded with oil by Alyeska unless the tanker has

3 states confer on Namibia election

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 16, (Agencies): With elections in Namibia less than a month away, South African, Cuban and Angolan officials met today to iron out problems which have arisen in the UN-sponsored independence plan.

Under the agreement, signed last December, South Africa promised to grant independence to Namibia in 1990 in return for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

But the elections for a Namibian constituent assembly on Nov 7 have put pressure on the accord.

Namibia's black nationalist South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo) has been hit with allegations of human rights abuses, as has the South African counter-insurgency unit Koevoet, which has officially been disbanded.

South Africa has accused Swapo of holding war prisoners in Angola and Zambia and of breaching a ceasefire agreement, while the United Nations has been asked to investigate charges of intimidation by Koevoet members.

The meeting in Johannesburg, chaired by South African Foreign Minister Director-General Neill Van Heerden, is the last before the Namibian poll.

Preparations for the polls are on schedule and most of the campaigning has gone smoothly, but there has been increased election-related violence in recent weeks.

The talks, among representatives of South Africa, Angola and Cuba, which are being held at a Johannesburg hotel and expected to last through tomorrow, also include observers from the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as the Namibia's administrator, Louis Pienaar, and the head of the United Nations contingent monitoring the independence process, Martti Ahtisaari.

The ex-prisoners' news conference yesterday was the ANC's first in South Africa since it was banned in 1960.

In another sign that the organisation is emerging from the shadows, statements with the ANC letterhead were issued to news organisations in South Africa today for the first time in years.

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their release, calling for redoubled efforts to end apartheid and white minority rule.

The eight, seven of them leading ANC members with an eighth from the Pan Africanist Congress splinter group, have never renounced the use of violence in the anti-apartheid struggle.

CP leader Andries Treurnicht condemned their release and said it was "completely irreconcilable" with the 29-year-old ban on the ANC, the main group fighting white rule.

Treurnicht, whose party wants a return to hardline apartheid and has strong support among politically-dominant Afrikaner (Dutch-descended) whites, urged Pretoria to reject all ANC demands for political reform.

"Either the government dispossesses us of our country... by giving in to the ANC ultimatum. Or the government disallows demonstrations and rejects all radical claims which will disturb the peace, destroy freedom and land the country in a situation of chaos," Treurnicht said in a statement.

The pro-government Citizen newspaper said continued black protests following the release of the eight men on Sunday after long prison terms could provoke a backlash from minority whites.

It added: "White counter-action to black rallies, marches and acts of defiance will become a growing threat, especially when the internal ANC misuses its new-found freedom to act openly."

The Afrikaans-language Beeld said the eight would be sorely tempted to play a militant political role.

"We would seriously plead with them to resist those temptations... if there is to be reconciliation it must come from both sides."

The Neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, which wants a whites-only state, is considering suing the government for the releases under anti-communist legislation.

De Klerk says black domestic reaction to the release will determine when Mandela, South Africa's longest serving political prisoner, is freed.

His release would signal that Pretoria is ready for talks with the ANC on easing 40 years of apartheid and giving voteless blacks a role in government.

The government says ANC members are communist terrorists but has hinted their leaders may eventually be allowed a part in talks with Pretoria along with other black groups.

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The Sowetan, the country's largest black-oriented daily, cautioned that "the task facing the men is a daunting one. That of uniting the democratic forces in this country and transforming it into a non-racial democracy."

Business Day, the country's leading financial daily, concurred.

Anti-apartheid activists slashed buses and destroyed pumps at 17 Royal Dutch/Shell petrol stations in the Netherlands in protest against the oil company's investments in South Africa.



Raoul Wallenberg's sister Nina Langergren (right) and his secretary Sonia Sonnenfeld seen arriving at Sheremetyevo Airport Oct. 15. (Reuter wirephoto)

Wallenberg is dead

Belongings turned over to kin

MOSCOW, Oct. 16, (Reuter): Soviet officials turned over to relatives today the identity cards and other personal belongings of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Jews during World War Two.

But Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said no evidence had been found that countered Soviet assertions that Wallenberg died of a heart attack while a KGB prisoner in July 1947.

"It is an irrefutable fact that Raoul Wallenberg died in 1947," he said.

Gerasimov said the documents, uncovered during a search of the KGB archives, were handed to relatives and others from a Swedish delegation at a meeting with KGB Deputy Chief Vladimir Proshkov and Deputy Foreign Minister Valentin Nikiforov.

Other items handed over included a diplomatic passport, banknotes in different currencies, and a

copy of a report by a prison doctor noting Wallenberg's death while in custody, Gerasimov said.

The original doctor's report was shown to relatives and a copy was handed over. It has never been corroborated and the doctor who signed it died in May 1953.

Gerasimov said Wallenberg's arrest was a tragic mistake. "He was caught up in a maelstrom of repression," he said.

"The Soviet people hold him in high regard for what he did in Hungary."

Wallenberg was last seen being driven into Soviet-occupied Budapest by the KGB on Jan. 17, 1945. Moscow says he died two years later in the KGB's Lubyanka prison.

A criminal file on Wallenberg has never been found and a number of former prison camp inmates reported seeing Wallenberg alive in the 1970s.

Nobel academy shaken by rift

Tension over Rushdie issue

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16, (AP): Rarely has the Swedish academy, an august body of professors, authors and literary critics, been in such conflict — and just before it is to award the Nobel prize for literature.

Angered over the academy's weak response to the Salman Rushdie affair, three of its 18 members handed in resignation letters.

But members are chosen for life and cannot quit the 203-year-old academy, so their resignations were not accepted.

Remaining members claim the rift has not hampered the work of choosing this year's Nobel laureate, who is to be announced either on Thursday or next Thursday (Oct. 26).

But it has exposed tensions inside this elite body and tainted its image. Historically, conflict was kept within its 18th-century walls. A member's only form of protest has been to quietly boycott the weekly meetings, which the three are doing.

Authors Kerstin Ekman, 56, one of the three rebels, has openly demanded change, saying "new and fresh forces are needed" in the academy.

"We would have dug the academy's grave, had we let the three go," responded Goran Malmkvist, professor of sinology who joined in 1985. "Who would have agreed to replace them? No one," he said.

The work of the prestigious body has always been shrouded in traditions and rituals that has given it an air of grandeur.

That came to an end in March, after Iran's late Ayatollah Khomeini pronounced a death sentence for blasphemy of Islam against British author Salman Rushdie for his book "The Satanic Verses." The action was condemned by literary figures and governments around the world.

But the academy, after long discussion, issued a brief and carefully phrased statement defending free expression, without explicitly supporting Rushdie.

"It would be self-evident to everyone that the Swedish academy firmly repudiates every effort to strangle free speech," the statement said.

Further comment, said permanent secretary Sture Allen, would violate the academy's code against political involvement.

One reason for its deliberate neutrality is to avoid suspicion that the Nobel prize can be influenced by politics.

Along with Mrs Ekman, who at 56 is the youngest member and one of two women, the other dissenters were Lars Gyllenstein, a 71-year-old physician, writer and academy member for 23 years, and author Werner Aspenstrom, 70.

Secret project 'doomed'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, (AP): The top secret doomsday project, designed to protect against a surprise nuclear attack, is leaving one counter-intelligence expert complaining of harassment for claiming it was poorly managed.

The programme, also known as Project 908, is designed to ensure that even if top US civilian leaders are killed in such an attack, the United States can still unleash its own atomic weapons on the Soviet Union.

So far, the government has spent \$4.5 billion to build supply depots, underground bunkers and a communications network that has been plagued with problems, said Defence Department sources on condition of anonymity.

The army inspector-general's office reviewed the programme in 1987 and interviewed army civilian employee W. Thomas Golden.

Golden, chief of the operations security branch at the Information Systems Command in Fort Huachuca, Arizona, asserted to the IG that:

—The communications network vital to the project didn't work properly, was costing hundreds of millions of dollars to fix and Project 908 officials on several occasions misled members of Congress into believing that the system was operational when in fact it wasn't.

—The son of Army Brig. Gen. Eugene Renzi was doing work for Betac Corp., an Arlington, Virginia, firm to which Renzi had directed a sole-source, no-bid contract in connection with Project 908.

—The Betac contract specified that one of Renzi's aides would be a \$400-a-day consultant to the company.

Army regulations say the inspector-general will protect the anonymity of witnesses, but within weeks of Golden's confidential discussions, word had leaked to Renzi that Golden was making allegations against the general.

Golden told Congress he is being targeted for retribution.

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Kulcsar nominated for post of president

BUDAPEST, Oct 16, (AP): Hungarian Justice Minister Kálmán Kulcsar was nominated for president at a congress of the Patriotic People's Front, congress officials said yesterday.

Kulcsar, 61, who was also elected chairman of the PPF at the two-day congress, has been at the forefront of moves to revamp Hungary's laws and introduce more democracy.

He is the fourth candidate for the top state job. Also running are Imre Pozsgay, the country's best known reformer, Zoltan Kármány of the Social Democratic Party and Sándor Racz.

Under constitutional changes under consideration, the president would hold much greater powers than the present figurehead president.

Presidential elections, replacing the current largely ceremonial post of "president of the presidential council" held by Bruno F. Straub, are tentatively scheduled to take place Nov 25.

Racz was nominated last month by a small fringe group named the Hungarian October Party, whose professed aims are to realise the goals of the 1956 anti-Stalinist uprising.

Pozsgay, who headed the PPF from 1982-88, was nominated as presidential candidate last June by the now-defunct Communist Party and reconfirmed last week-end at a historic congress after the communists renounced their party the Hungarian Socialist Party.

Before Kulcsar's nomination, the PPF congress defeated a motion which would have lined the movement behind Pozsgay's presidential bid, on the grounds that the PPF should distance itself from the ruling party.

The office of the president was expected to be outlined this coming week when parliament will take up a draft bill on the election of the president of the republic.

Under the bill, parties and individuals can put up candidates, on condition that they acquire the signature of 50,000 supporters. The list of names should be put forward to the national electoral committee 20 days before the elections.

Delegates at the congress, which ended yesterday, also discussed ways of reconstituting the PPF to fill its role as a political forum for those who are not affiliated with any party.

The organisation does not plan to become a political party, congress officials said.

A previously independent legislator has joined the League of Free Democrats, one of the many opposition parties recently set up in Hungary, and will represent it in parliament, a newspaper said yesterday.

The daily Mai Nap said Eva Balla, 30, a deputy without party affiliation since 1985, became a member of the league on Saturday.

US files protest at spying

BERLIN, Oct 16, (AP): US officials today lodged a formal protest with Soviet authorities after two Soviet officers were caught trying to obtain classified military documents from a US Air Force airman in West Berlin.

Anthony Sariti, a spokesman for the US diplomatic mission in West Berlin, said the protest was filed after two Soviet majors were "apprehended while engaging in espionage activities."

Sariti last night had told the Associated Press that the US Air Force airman, whose name was not released, was caught in the act of passing classified information to the Soviets.

Sariti said today that he had been mistaken the night before, and that the airman had not been caught in the act. Sariti attributed his mistake to the fact that last night he did not have with him the official news release that had been prepared in the case.

Sariti said the Soviets were detained after asking the airman to hand over documents.

Ports full with unloaded cargo

MOSCOW, Oct 16, (AP): Tons of urgently needed food is rotting in railcars for lack of people and equipment to move it, Soviet media reported yesterday.

More than two million tons of cargo is piled up in Soviet ports for lack of train transport, newspaper said. This includes thousands of shipping containers of consumer goods and food purchased by the government on an emergency basis to satisfy a public angered by empty store shelves.

Hungary still influenced by old party

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct 16, (AP): It only took a three-day meeting for the communists to scrap their party, but it could take years to remove the influence of more than four decades of communist rule in Hungary.

The Communist Party, formally the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, was declared dead at a historic congress a week ago that gave birth to the Hungarian Socialist Party.

The congress, with an eye on upcoming free elections, heeded reformers' calls for a party with democratic aspirations that would be more appealing to the electorate than one espousing Marxist-Leninist thought. The elections are due by June.

Reform has been in the wind in Hungary for the past several years, even before Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev decreed changes in the Soviet Union.

The most blatant Stalinist manifestations — personality cults, workers' brigades, a repressive secret police — were done away

with under the late Janos Kadar. But real reform gathered steam only after Kadar was retired last year after 32 years at the helm.

The collective leadership succeeded Kadar decided liberalisation was the only way to counter serious economic problems. It permitted political opposition to flourish for the first time since the communists consolidated power in 1948, and it pledged to permit the country's first free national elections in 41 years.

Such developments have placed Hungary at the vanguard of democratisation within the Soviet bloc along with Poland, the first Warsaw Pact country with a primarily non-communist government.

The old party decided in September to begin dismantling its government chapters, and the ministries of the interior, finance and trade and commerce already have been formally depoliticised.

The party formally transferred control of

its armed worker's militia to the government in the summer.

After more than four decades of rewritten history, there are plans to write it again — this without a Marxist slant. Education Minister Ferenc Glaz has urged history teachers to use their own judgment in the classroom instead of old party dictates.

Dozens of independent newspapers and periodicals have blossomed and are as free with criticism of the government and the party as any in the West. Private radio, a British-Hungarian commercial venture, began functioning in June.

Yet old habits die hard.

About 85 per cent of senior officials in the Interior Ministry, which controls the police, were Communist Party members, according to the independent weekly Heti Világkard. In the Ministry of Trade and Commerce the rate is 80 per cent, and in the Finance Ministry it is 73 per cent.

Reform-seekers pour onto streets

East Germans renounce citizenship

EAST BERLIN, Oct 16, (Agencies): Tens of thousands of East Germans calling for reforms poured onto the streets of Leipzig tonight in the biggest demonstration East Germany has seen in years.

Protestant church sources said there were far more people demonstrating than last Monday when up to 70,000 marched peacefully through Leipzig, East Germany's second-largest city.

In an unusual move, East Germany's official news agency ADN, a radio station and the main television news bulletin reported on the demonstration without comment.

The sources said possibly twice as many people as last week converged on the central Karl Marx Square from five packed churches where there had been regular "peace" services.

But they stressed it was difficult to give accurate figures on the number of demonstrators.



East German children hold up a paper issued by the East German embassy in Poland which their parents signed saying they renounced their East German citizenship in order to travel the West. (Reuter wirephoto)

They chanted "we are the people." "We're staying here" and "give young people power" as they marched round the city's inner ring road.

Some carried banners calling for press freedom, unrestricted travel and free elections.

Eyewitnesses said police again kept a low profile as they did last Monday during the largest single protest since a failed workers' uprising in 1953.

Church sources said over 3,000 people had gathered at East Berlin's Gethsemane church for a regular service for people still detained after demonstrations this month in the run up to and during the country's 40th anniversary celebrations.

Most detainees have been freed in the past week.

Meanwhile, in Warsaw the first of more than 1,300 East German refugees renounced their citizenship today and waited for special permits allowing them to join thousands of their countrymen who have fled to the West.

"We are free," read a hand-lettered banner unfurled as about 50 cheering refugees emerged from the East German embassy this afternoon.

Meanwhile, more refugees arrived this morning at the West German embassy seeking help, bringing to between 200 and 300 the number of refugees taken in over the weekend.

After they are processed in groups, the East Germans can go to the country of their choice without crossing their communist homeland, said Falko Schreiber, press attaché of the East German embassy. The arrangement was announced on Saturday.

"The action will last as long it is necessary," he said today.

There was no indication that there was any time limit to the exit process agreed to by the hard-line communist East German government, which has been shaken by the refugee exodus and widespread pro-democracy demonstrations.

Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman Stefan Stankiewicz said the agreement "has no term" and Poland may be a transit point for the refugees for some time to come.

Actor, director, producer Cornel Wilde dies

LOS ANGELES, Oct 16, (AP): Cornel Wilde, one of Hollywood's leading men of the 1940's and star of such movies as "A Song to Remember" and "The Big Combo," died today, three days after his 74th birthday.

Wilde, who was admitted to Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre on Sept 2 for leukemia, died shortly after midnight, said hospital spokeswoman Paula Corrae. His son, Cornel Wilde Jr., was at his side.

Wilde, who also was a director and producer, was nominated for an Academy award for his 1945 performance in "A Song to Remember," the story of composer Frederic Chopin.

"I realised long ago that I could not depend on luck to bring me success," Wilde once said. "I worked hard, extra hard to improve my chance by increasing my abilities and my experience. It was my goal to accomplish, in my life, something of value and to do it with self respect and integrity."

Wilde was best known for acting in adventure movies including "The Naked Prey," "High Sierra," "Bandit of Sherwood Forest," "Beyond Bamba," "Omoo Khayyam," "Constantine the Great," and "The Fifth Musketeer."

The movie "The Big Combo," which he produced and starred in, was criticised at the time for being too violent.

Born in New York on Oct 13, 1915, Wilde married actress Patricia Knight in 1938. They had a daughter, Wendy, and divorced in 1951. He married actress Jean Wallace that year and had a son. He and Miss Wallace were divorced in 1980.

Moscow slow to cut forces

Withdrawals not as touted

WASHINGTON, Oct 16, (UPI): Representative Les Aspin, Democrat-Wisconsin, said Moscow appears to be slow in following through on a pledge to cut forces in the western Soviet Union and thus any American cuts in expectation of the Soviet reductions might be premature.

Aspin, chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, made his observations yesterday in a report of an unprecedented trip taken by his committee in August.

In the report, Aspin noted that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev appeared to be pulling troops out of Eastern Europe on time, although in a slightly different form than first promised.

In December, Gorbachev said Moscow would pull six tank divisions, 50,000 men and 5,000 tanks from Eastern Europe, would withdraw some units with particularly offensive capabilities such as river crossing squads, and would reduce forces west of the Ural mountains by 10,000 tanks, 8,500 artillery pieces and 800 combat aircraft.

The reductions and withdrawals were to take place over two years and, Gorbachev said, the overall size of Moscow's military would fall by 500,000 men. The Soviet leader said reductions

would be made in the eastern Soviet Union as well. "Soviet withdrawals from Eastern Europe are occurring on schedule, if not quite as advertised," Aspin said. "That's very important."

Aspin noted that because the reductions are unilateral, Moscow does not have to provide an accounting, but noted it would be to Gorbachev's benefit for two reasons.

"The first is that if they're doing it, they should want to get full political credit for it. The second is they keep asking where the US and NATO responses are to their actions. No evidence, no response," Aspin said.

The report said that because of the withdrawals from Eastern Europe, "the prospects for significant changes in the Warsaw Pact's offensive capability — much less ability to mount short-warning attacks and a reduced capacity for preparing for full-mobilisation attacks — are good."

Representative Bill Dickinson of Alabama, the senior Republican on the panel, said he applauded the withdrawal ordered by Gorbachev, but added, "of equal importance... is the significant offensive capability of the restructured forces the Soviets are leaving behind."

Heads of politburo members may roll

BERLIN, Oct 16, (Agencies): A West German daily said today regional East German Communist Party leaders called for broad reform and for the sacking of the party's entire politburo, including East German leader Erich Honecker.

In a report it attributed to Communist Party sources in East Germany, the Bild paper said 13 of the country's 15 regional secretaries of the party made the demand, amid growing fears of country-wide strikes and renewed massive demonstrations.

The report, which could not be independently confirmed, said Honecker and other politburo hardliners had turned down a demand by the regional officials that an extraordinary meeting of the party's central committee be held to discuss increasing calls for reform and the future of current politburo members.

In the article released in advance of publication, Bild said the regional secretaries, led by East Berlin's party leader Guenter Chabowski, demanded all 21 politburo members, including 77-year-old Honecker, be replaced.

Bild said the officials also demanded wide-ranging reforms, including more freedom to travel, a dialogue with pro-democracy movements and secret ballot elections with the participation of independent candidates.

The report further fuelled speculation Honecker may be forced to retire amid growing criticism of his hardline communist policies. Political analysts believe pressure for change was particularly strong among grassroots officials of the party, including regional secretaries.

Several officials of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED) — the ruling Communist Party — have taken up the call for reform since tens of thousands of East Germans took to the streets in pro-democracy demonstrations earlier this month.

Opposition sources said today 15,000 to 20,000 people chanting "Gorbys, Gorbys," and "democracy now" again staged a demonstration in the southern city of Plauen yesterday.

Meanwhile, an opposition group and theatre workers called for an inquiry into police treatment of protesters detained during earlier demonstrations that coincided with the hardline communist state's 40th anniversary celebrations last week.

Despite official warnings against street protests, opposition activists say they will demonstrate in Leipzig to press demands for democratic reforms.

The pro-reform activists in Leipzig say their weekly protest will go ahead as planned despite last week's politburo statement condemning such public actions.

The head of East Germany's powerful trade union movement said today workers were impatient for change but hasty and ill-conceived reforms could be disastrous.

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Waiting for the Queen

Muslim children wave the British flag as they wait for Queen Elizabeth's arrival in Ipoh where she spent the day. The queen is in Malaysia for a five-day visit

before she opens the Commonwealth heads of government meeting on Oct 18. (Reuter wirephoto)

C'wealth firm on SA

Sanctions must go on

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16, (Agencies): Sanctions aimed at forcing South Africa to abandon its apartheid system must continue even though it has freed some prisoners, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Mahathir, chairman of the 46-nation Commonwealth summit opening on Wednesday, was referring to the release of eight prisoners last week by the South African government.

Speaking at a press conference, he said the release was a "direct result" of economic and other sanctions imposed on South Africa and that he welcomed "some accommodations" being made in that country toward the aspirations of blacks and coloured people.

"There have been some changes taking place but that is not enough," he said. Sanctions must continue to be tightened if positive results are to be achieved in South Africa.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar told reporters the Commonwealth summit will consider further sanctions against South Africa, although Britain opposes economic sanctions.

The Commonwealth would continue to pursue sanctions even without Britain, Abu Hassan said.

Asked if the Commonwealth would discuss ways to stop a boycott of the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand next year, Mahathir said New Zealand could avoid the boycott by not sending sports teams to

South Africa.

British officials said that too hard a line at the Commonwealth summit on South Africa might retard the independence process in Namibia, which has been ruled by South Africa, but Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, Secretary-General of Malaysia's Foreign Ministry, said "the independence process in Namibia is now irreversible."

Mahathir later met for one hour with representatives of the Commonwealth trade union council, with which many Commonwealth countries' labour unions are affiliated.

Mahathir said the summit also would discuss co-operation to fight drug abuse. He said the problem was severe in some areas, with the possibility of drug traffickers taking over governments.

He called for bilateral treaties to enable countries to seize the assets of drug traffickers.

The summit also will issue a declaration on the environment and dealing with pollution, Mahathir said.

Mahathir today stressed the need for closer international co-operation, in the war against drug traffickers.

He warned of the possibility of drug traffickers, who had become powerful and wealthy, overthrowing governments.

In view of such a possibility, he said, the Commonwealth needed to view the matter very seriously and decide on actions to ensure that the governments were not overthrown by drug barons.

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UK-Argentina talks

Difference on peace

MADRID, Oct 16, (UPI): British and Argentine officials seeking to pave the way toward re-establishing relations severed during the Falkland Islands war appeared to differ today on the pace the talks should take, British sources said.

Delegations from Britain and Argentina were in Madrid today for at least two days of talks — the third time the two countries have met in an official capacity since England crushed Argentina's attempted takeover of the tiny Falklands in 1982.

The talks, if successful, will represent a major step toward the eventual re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The climate between both delegations seemed favourable on the eve of the talks today, but British sources said the sides appeared to differ on the pace of normalising relations.

Argentine President Carlos Menem has said he wants relations normalised by the end of this year or the beginning of next year, but the sources said Britain favours a slower pace.

Nevertheless, a British diplomatic source said today that if the issue of Argentine sovereignty over the Falklands is not raised during the talks, the pace could quicken on substantial issues.

Where's the red carpet?

KUALA KANGSAR, Malaysia, Oct 16, (Reuters): Britain's Prince Philip, accompanying Queen Elizabeth on a state visit to Malaysia, missed a red carpet welcome when he arrived at a school here today.

The royal motorcade took the prince to the wrong entrance at the school in the northern town of Kuala Kangsar, said Robin Janvin, the Queen's press secretary.

The Queen was visiting an orphanage at the time.

The royal couple, on the third day of a week-long trip to Malaysia, were touring northern Perak state, home of Malaysia's King Sultan Azlan Shah 300 km (180 miles) north of the capital.

The Queen, in a purple dress with a matching wide-brimmed hat, had earlier named a British-built sail training ship at Lumut Naval Base.

The building of the 200-tonne, 44-metre (140-foot) Brigantine Tunas Samudera (offspring of the ocean) was jointly financed by Britain and Malaysia. The Queen said the ship represented "the long association between our two countries."

Malaysia gained independence from Britain in 1957 since when the two countries have maintained strong trade and educational ties.

The Queen, whose visit is timed to coincide with the Commonwealth summit in Kuala Lumpur from Oct 18 to 24, last visited Malaysia in 1972.

Queen Elizabeth and Malaysian paramount ruler, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong today jointly presented a schooner to train youths as seamen to the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) at the naval base in Lumut, about 250 km from Kuala Lumpur.

The presentation was the first engagement of her majesty's one-day visit to the Perak state as part of her four-day state visit to Malaysia preceding the Commonwealth heads of government meeting beginning here on Wednesday.

Panel urges Unesco reform

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 16, (AP): Unesco will remain an "underperformer" unless it adopts reforms and seeks advice from eminent scientists and experts in human rights, communications and other fields, an international panel said today.

America and Britain left Unesco in 1984, followed by Singapore, on the grounds that the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation was politicised, anti-Western, mismanaged and too expensive.

"The key to Unesco's success is professionalisation" in its programme, says the report of the panel, led by former Republican US Sen. Robert Stafford.

"Agency decision-making must embrace the expertise and commitment of professionals in all Unesco's fields of competence," it said.

Bush satisfied with CIA chief and Panama role

WASHINGTON, Oct 16, (Reuters): The White House said today that President George Bush strongly backs Central Intelligence Agency Director William Webster, rejecting a published report that it is unhappy with the spy agency chief.

National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft said Bush was fully satisfied with the way the intelligence service performed during the Oct 3 attempt by rebel officers in Panama to overthrow strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

"The President is fully satisfied with the performance of the intelligence community. The President strongly supports Director Webster. Rumours of White House displeasure are totally false."

The Washington Post said today that several top White House officials feel the intelligence agency has been below par under Webster and would like to see him replaced.

The newspaper said White House Chief of State John Sununu quipped at a staff meeting that he had learned more about the Panama

coup by watching television than from the CIA.

White House officials have complained privately that Bush's ability to respond to the coup was seriously hampered by faulty intelligence. Washington has been trying to oust Noriega for nearly two years.

Q-1: China's top security prison used to detain political opponents

BEIJING, Oct 16, (Reuters): "Forsake any dreams of escape" is the first order shouted at detainees entering the arched gateway of Beijing's Qincheng number one prison. "There are too many barriers between you and the outside to survive."

So begins induction into one of China's top political prisons, where hundreds of students and intellectuals accused of leading this spring's democracy movement are being held incommunicado, according to Chinese sources.

Surrounded by a three-metre (10 ft) wall topped by electrified barbed wire, Qincheng, or Q-1, has been used by successive Chinese leaders to detain political opponents.

Qincheng holds at least five of the 21 student leaders labelled counter-revolutionaries and placed on the government's most-wanted list shortly after troops crushed pro-democracy protests in June, said the sources.

The sources, who include both Chinese officials familiar with the prison and a detainee who smuggled a report out of Q-1, refused to be identified for fear of government reprisals.

Chinese whose accounts of prison conditions have been published outside China have received jail terms, according to the human rights organisation Amnesty International.

A maximum security prison, Q-1 is located north of Beijing, a short distance from China's premier tourist attraction, the Great Wall.

Prisoners are handcuffed and forced to bend over when they enter Q-1 and catch only fleeting glimpses of the fortress's exterior, said the sources.

Prison cells measure three by five metres (10 feet by 15 feet). In early June each held up to eight people, but soon became cramped with prisoners forced to sleep on the floor, the sources said.

Students held only one collective protest at Q-1, when they sang the international socialist anthem in July, said the sources.

Prisoners are rationed to 400 grammes (14 ounces) of corn bread per day, and one Chinese official, the same fare provided during the ultra-left cultural revolution of 1966-76 when many thousands of people were incarcerated. Torture generally is not used on students, Chinese sources said.

America

Nancy confirms: The wife of former US President Ronald Reagan has confirmed her use of astrology to help pick dates for presidential trips and news conferences.

In an interview aired last night on the CBS television network programme "60 Minutes" Mrs Reagan said the astrologer "would pick out dates that were good or bad."

"It was... if he were going, say to Chicago, and I would say to her, 'Is it better if he leaves in the morning or the afternoon?' or maybe the night before. And she'd tell me. I didn't see anything wrong with that," Mrs Reagan said.

Abortion protests: Tens of thousands of abortion-rights supporters, buoyed by recent legal and political victories, marched in San Francisco.

In Trenton, New Jersey, several thousand demonstrators chanted, waved banners and marched on the statehouse to tell lawmakers not to tamper with their right to a safe and legal abortion.

The New Jersey gathering yesterday drew about 6,500, state police estimated. Rally organisers said 10,000 people participated.

The San Francisco marchers, about three-fourths of them women, carried signs proclaiming the right to choose abortion and, in some cases, denouncing President George Bush for his anti-abortion stand. (AP)

Plane fire probe: A team of federal inspectors have arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah, to investigate a fire that gutted much of a parked Delta Airlines Boeing 727 and burned a gaping hole in the fuselage.

Five crew members and one passenger were treated for smoke inhalation and released after Saturday's fire at a boarding gate at the international airport in this western city.

The investigation, assisted by representatives of Delta and Boeing, should take three or four days, said Bob Johnson, regional director for the National Transportation Safety Board in Denver. (AP)

Satellite falling: Just as officials try to reassure the public about the safety of the nuclear-powered space probe to be launched tomorrow, a huge satellite is about to fall from the sky, possibly in three big chunks.

"We predict it will come in sometime in mid-November," said Charles Redmond, spokesman for the science office of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said yesterday. "It may produce up to three 120-pound pieces after re-entry."

Most of the earth under the track of the satellite, Solaris, is ocean, or sparsely populated areas, Redmond said. The North American air defence command, which tracks objects in orbit, will narrow predictions for the satellite's re-entry when the event draws closer. (AP)

US jet crash: A military jet on a training mission crashed yesterday at Carswell air force base, killing two people on board, a base spokesman said.

The F-16 fighter had flown from Dallas naval air station to Carswell, said Lt. Stephen Norton, Carswell base spokesman.

A statement read by Norton said there was ammunition aboard the aircraft, but he did not elaborate.

A board of air force officers was being convened to investigate the accident, he said. The jet was assigned to the 94th tactical fighter group, an air force reserve, stationed at Luke air force base near Phoenix, said Luke air force base spokesman Captain Joe Davis. (AP)

Hurricane fury: Hurricane Jerry, which roared ashore near Galveston and killed two people before losing its fury, was downgraded today to a tropical depression but continued to drive Texas with powerful thunderstorms and driving rain.

Europe

Women complain: Women in Britain are still treated as second-class citizens, according to an equal opportunities commission report today.

They are worse paid, segregated into traditional jobs and held back by lack of training and childcare facilities, the report added.

It pointed out that pay differences between men and women were wider than at any time since the equal pay act came fully into force in the UK in 1975.

The commission chairman, Joanna Foster, said "traditional attitudes and a lack of flexibility or willingness to adapt, still hold women back." (Kuna)

Snake guards: Snakes, banished from Ireland by Saint Patrick almost 1,000 years ago, are making a comeback on the emerald isle - as guard dogs.

"We have sold at least 10 in the past six weeks alone," said Limerick petshop owner Gay Mullally, who offers a whole range of mobile burglar alarms from American ribbon snakes to pythons.

Residents of this western city apparently consider a hissing serpent more effective than a growling guard dog. Given a supply of mice every two weeks, they are also less expensive to feed than German shepherd or rottweilers. (Reuters)

Ivory trade ban: A key UN committee in Lausanne, Switzerland, today voted overwhelmingly to ban all international trade in ivory in order to save the elephant from extinction.



Helping out

A Soviet soldier helps a blind man cross a street in central Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

Double collision

6 killed, 23 hurt

VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-SAONE, France, Oct 16, (AP): A double collision on the main highway between Lyon and Paris claimed at least six lives and injured 23 people this morning, police said.

Rescue workers continued cutting through the wreckage of several cars and trucks on Autoroute 6 about 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of Lyon, police said.

"There is a magma of vehicles, fused one to the other, including three tractor-trailer trucks," a rescue worker at the scene told the French News Agency Agence France-Presse. "It makes it difficult to free the victims. We don't yet know if we will find other bodies in the wreckage."



Aid protest

Demonstrators are arrested after they blocked the entrance to the House congressional building at the US Capitol. About 300 people held a rally in Washington, DC, to protest US military aid to El Salvador. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bag checking

Laser beam

LONDON, Oct 16, (Kuna): A laser beam checking system which aims to make misdirected bags a thing of the past began trials today at London's Heathrow airport.

An airport spokesman said that it was hoped that the scheme would lead to a five-fold increase in the speed of handling airport luggage as well as aiding the anti-terrorist operation.



Tackling food problem

Edouard Saouma of Lebanon (right) director-general of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) talks with Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti (centre) and Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers (left) and FAO headquarters. Lubbers and Andreotti addressed the assembly of guests on the theme "Food and the Environment." (Reuters wirephoto)

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Delegates said it was almost certain that a full conference of the UN convention of international trade in endangered species (CITES) would later in the week approve the committee decision, adopted by 76 nations to 11 with four abstentions. (Reuters)

Soviets rally: Soviet citizens took advantage of their growing freedom to hold rallies over various grievances yesterday in Moscow, Tashkent and Kiev.

In Moscow, 10,000 people arrived at Luzhiki stadium at dusk to hear maverick communist Boris Yeltsin, who has not appeared in public for two weeks.

Rumours flew around Moscow during Yeltsin's absence. One even suggested he had died.

In Tashkent, an estimated 20,000 people rallied to demand the Uzbek be named the state language of the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan.

In Kiev, the city's council of trade unions organised a rally to call for a price freeze and 24-day vacations. (AP)

Subversion charge: A second editor on Czechoslovakia's leading independent newspaper was charged with subversion today, human rights sources said in Prague.

Jiri Ruml, 64, was arrested last Thursday along with Rudolf Zeman, 50. Both are editors of the independent monthly Lidov Noviny (People's News).

Zeman, who on Saturday was also charged with subversion, was detained after police searched his house for 14 hours, the sources, contacted from Vienna told Reuters. (Reuters)

Ecological conference: A 35-nation conference on environmental protection opened in Sofia today with a call for greater East-West co-operation in ecological problems.

Opening the three-week forum, a follow-up to the Vienna Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov said co-operation on ecological issues was an essential part of improving East-West relations. (Reuters)

Kohl pledge: West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said last night that his country would not claim right to restore lands currently under Polish sovereignty.

Speaking to West German TV, Bonn Direkt, he said that his country considers the articles of the Warsaw agreement signed in 1970 were still in force.

Kohl, who will pay a five-day official visit to Poland on Nov 9, expressed his satisfaction over previous discussions with Poland especially what concerns the German minority in Poland. (Kuna)

Asia

China's population jumps: There will be nearly 1.2 million more new babies in China this year than last because of failures to follow through on the government's tough family planning policies, a senior government official says.

State family planning commission head Peng Peiyun said more than 23 million babies will be born in 1989, about 1.18 million more than in 1988, the official China Daily newspaper reported today.

Peng, speaking to family planners, said this year's birth rate will exceed 21 per thousand, and natural population growth 15 per thousand. Last year, the birth rate was 20.8 per thousand and the growth rate 14.2 per thousand. (AP)

Burmese lawyer's release urged: The Committee to Protect Journalists, a private US group, has urged the release of a Burmese lawyer jailed for allegedly giving information to the British Broadcasting Corp.

"We are gravely concerned about the chilling effect Nay Min's prosecution will have on the free flow of information" in Burma, a statement issued by the group said. "We respectfully but urgently request that Nay Min be immediately and unconditionally released."

Nay Min was sentenced to 14 years at hard labour by a military tribunal on Oct 5 for offences allegedly committed during last year's pro-democracy uprising in Burma. (AP)

Taiwan launches anti-crime drive: Police arrested 280 alleged gangsters and other suspects before dawn today at the start of a major anti-crime operation throughout Taiwan, officials said.

Chi Shih-Pei, deputy director of the national police administration, said the three-month operation was launched because of an increase in crime.

Chi said the operation also was aimed at preventing crime before national elections for legislators, mayors and county magistrates scheduled Dec 2. (AP)

Mount Everest scaled: Japanese, Korean and Mexican climbers have scaled Mount Everest, the Ministry of Tourism said today.

The ministry announcement said Toichiro Mitani, 39, Hiroshi Ohnishi, 27, and Aisushi Yamamoto, 27, accompanied by two Sherpa guides, reached the 29,029-foot (8,848-m) summit of the world's highest mountain on Oct 13 via the most widely used route, the southeast ridge.

It said the climbers set out from their final camp at 25,900 feet (7,900 m) at 2 am and reached the summit at 12:32 pm.

Two previous attempts by the expedition led by Toichiro Mitani were thwarted by avalanches. (UPI)

Meet to review refugee situation

GENEVA, Oct 16, (AP): Some 25 countries, meeting under the umbrella of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, began talks today on the situation of Indo-Chinese migrants, including Vietnamese boat people.

The session is the third to review measures adopted at a Geneva international conference last June to confront massive arrivals in Southeast Asian countries of first asylum, which put Hong Kong under particular pressure.

The threat of forcibly repatriating boat people, raised by Britain and Hong Kong but opposed by the United States and UNHCR is expected to be a main topic at the two-day meeting.

"Though voluntary repatriation is definitely making progress, the question is whether it's quick enough to take the high pressure off Hong Kong," UNHCR spokesman Raymond Hall said.

The June conference introduced screening procedures in all countries to determine which new arrivals could be granted refugee status. It called for efforts to encourage the voluntary return of non-refugees and agreed that alternatives should be examined if voluntary repatriation does not work.

Arrivals in Hong Kong, one of the world's most densely populated places, have declined from more than 4,000 each in July and August to about 1,000 last month, Hall said. Seasonal factors are believed partly responsible.

Of a total 106,000 Vietnamese in regional refugee camps, some 40,000 are awaiting screening in Hong Kong.

Some 260 boat people have been returned home from Hong Kong, Hall said. Another 700 have registered for voluntary repatriation, he said.

Hong Kong stopped granting boat people automatic refugee status last year, saying most arrivals since mid-decade have been fleeing poverty rather than persecution.

The meeting is chaired by Sergio Vieira de Mello, head of UNHCR's Asia Bureau. Participants include Vietnam and Laos, countries of first asylum such as Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand, and such resettlement countries as the United States, Australia and Canada.

Malaysia has been towing boats crammed with Vietnamese out of its territorial waters, pushing back more than 2,000 boat people between May and October, diplomats and United Nations officials said today.

"We are concerned with these developments. We have made representations to the Malaysian authorities but have yet to receive any response," a senior UNHCR official in Kuala Lumpur said.

Malaysian authorities were not available for comment.

More than 400 creaking boats packed with refugees were towed out of Malaysian waters between May and October to the Indonesian island of Galang, south of Singapore, diplomats said.

US for lesser Khmer role

WASHINGTON, Oct 16, (AP): The administration of President George Bush is exploring possible "minimal participation" of the Khmer Rouge guerrillas in a transitional Cambodian government, the Washington Post reported today.

US and diplomatic officials said the idea is an effort to break the international diplomatic deadlock accompanying intensification of civil war there, the Post said.

The idea has been tried out on Asian non-communist leaders and senior diplomats from China and the Soviet Union, the newspaper said.

The Post said the idea is known in diplomatic circles as "the Baker formula" after Secretary of State James Baker.

Beijing party calls for purge

Bid to purify ranks

BEIJING, Oct 16, (Agencies): The Beijing Communist Party committee yesterday voted to purge its ranks of "hostile and anti-party elements" and wealthy private businessmen.

The decision, reported by the official Xinhua news agency, indicated that the harsh conservative crackdown triggered by student protests nearly five months ago is intensifying.

Xinhua said the Beijing Party committee, which has led the nation in headline rhetoric, approved a resolution to "purify the party organisations" by requiring all members in the capital to re-register during the coming year.

Only those who meet party qualifications will be retained, it said.

"A drive will be conducted to examine and investigate how party members, especially officials with a

party membership, behaved in ending the national turmoil and quelling the anti-government rioting," it said, referring to the pro-democracy protests that the army crushed in June.

"The overwhelming majority of the party members will be united and educated and a very small number of hostile and anti-party elements will be resolutely purged from the party," it said.

It did not say how many of Beijing's 10 million residents are party members, or how many are expected to survive the examination. So far, only a few expulsions from the party have been announced, including that of Yan Jiaqi, a political scientist who fled to the West in June and is working overseas to organise an opposition.

Former National Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, ousted from his leadership posts for allegedly supporting the student protests, has been allowed to keep his party membership, but some top officials are believed to be pressing for the expulsion.

Leading targets of the purge include private businessmen.

"The resolution stipulated that exploiters cannot be admitted into the party, and those who have already been party members must adhere to the party's ideals," it said.

Private businessmen were commonly described as "exploiters" during the first three decades of communist rule, but after senior leader Deng Xiaoping began reforming the centralised economy a decade ago, they were embraced as partners in China's modernisation. At least one millionaire was admitted to the party.

"Besides getting their own due pay, they should spend their post-tax profits on production and public welfare and should not use them for their own private needs," the resolution said. "If they fail to do so, they can no longer be party members."

Since the June crackdown on the student movement, headline policies have made a comeback in all areas. The slogan of Deng's early reforms, "to get rich is glorious," has been dropped, and party leaders have begun criticising private businessmen for becoming too wealthy.

Some cities have put limits on how much private businessmen can pay themselves, and tax officials have been ordered to make sure private businessmen pay what they owe.

Li has attacked political reforms approved by the National Party in 1987, including the separation of government and party roles and less party interference in the workplace.

"More than 13,600 people have turned themselves in for embezzlement, taking bribes and other economic crimes since August, when the government announced a 10-week leniency period, an official report said today."

Parks officers and police have destroyed a camp set up by pro-democracy Chinese demonstrators across from the United Nations, supporters said.

"Without warning they came at one in the morning and took all our stuff," said Tang Wai Keung, 27, a Columbia University student and protester.

The New York Newsday newspaper carried the report today.



Cute pair

Former Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu leaves the Elysee Palace after a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand. Papandreu is accompanied by his new wife, former Olympic Airways hostess Dimitra Liani Papandreu. Papandreu has been ordered by the Greek Parliament to stand trial on charges of complicity in a \$200 million bank embezzlement scandal and illegal telephone bugging. (Reuters wirephoto)

Koreas agree to family visits

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Oct 16, (Reuters): North and South Korea agreed today to exchange visits by members of families split since the 1950-53 Korean war, and cautiously predicted more breakthroughs in inter-Korean dialogue.

In a meeting at this truce village astride the tense border, Red Cross representatives of the two sides agreed 600 people could be reunited with relatives for several days from Dec 8.

Details have still to be worked out but the visits would be the first since 1985 when the two countries, which have no mail, transport or telecommunications links, allowed scores of families to hold brief reunions for the first time.

The two sides also agreed to hold a Red Cross conference in the northern capital Pyongyang on Dec 15 to discuss reuniting an estimated 10 million people separated from family members by the civil war.

"Today's agreement is a great success," Seoul's chief delegate Song Young-Dae told a news conference after a closed-door session that lasted two hours and 20 minutes.

The delegates were unable to narrow differences on details of the family visits, with the North demanding that the 600 be allowed to journey only to the other country's capital and the South wanting freedom to travel to home towns.

They also differed on the size of folk art troupes to accompany and celebrate the family exchanges, but both sides talked of chances of a breakthrough when they meet again on Nov 8.

"We can find a compromise on places of visits and the size (of art troupes) if both sides show mutual respect and flexibility," Song said.

Song's North Korean counterpart, Pak Yong-Su, told a separate news conference: "It won't be easy to resolve everything in the next meeting, but I won't say it is impossible."

In Seoul, police went on heightened alert to guard against anti-US protests and security was bolstered at US facilities after an attack on the residence of the country's ambassador.

They moved in when five people, all suspected to be Nigerians, picked up the bags containing clothes, ornaments and 150 packs of heroin wrapped in cloth.

Three men and a woman ran and escaped in a taxi outside the terminal, the official said.

The official said police caught one suspect, identified as Aramide Moronsolu, 29, and charged her with possessing and attempting to smuggle heroin, a capital offence, she denied the charges, the customs official said.

He said police later searched the guest house where the woman said she had been staying with her other companions.

Pope preaches unity, tolerance and highlights human rights during Asia visit

PLAISANCE, Mauritius, Oct 16, (UPI): Pope John Paul II left for Rome today at the end of an 11-day trip during which he urged peace, human rights, unity and tolerance in South Korea, Indonesia and the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius.

The Pope's special air Mauritius Boeing left the international airport at Plaisance at 10.50 am (0650 GMT) after a final meeting with children who sang "happy anniversary" and presented gifts to the Pope to mark the 11th anniversary of his Oct 16, 1978 election as head of the world's 840 million Roman Catholics.

The 5,000-mile (8,300 km), 10-12-hour, non-stop flight to Rome, was to take the Pope's airliner over Madagascar, Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt and Greece. The Pope was scheduled to land at Rome's top security Ciampino Military Airport at 6.15 pm (1715 GMT).

At a brief farewell ceremony at Plaisance Airport, Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth and his wife saw the Pope off on behalf of the Mauritius government and Cardinal Jean Margot, bishop of Port Louis.

headed church authorities.

"The future of your country, of your families and your children is in your hands, dear people of Mauritius," the Pope said in his farewell address.

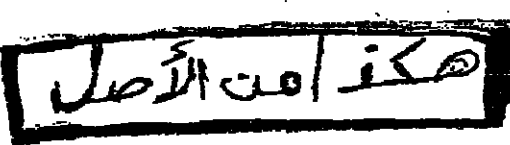
"Prepare it together by continuing to act according to the fundamental values."

Some 90 minutes before leaving Mauritius, the Pope addressed tens of thousands of cheering citizens of Curepipe, the island's third largest city, in front of the church of Saint Therese.

Hundreds of children at the open-air meeting sang "happy anniversary" and presented Pope Paul with gifts to mark the 11th anniversary of his election as Pope.

In a general reply to thousands of letters the children had written to him on the occasion of his visit, John Paul said, "those letters touch me, because they refer to sufferings which make some of you sad."

"Your heart is heavy when you hear talk of war, when you see sick people, poor people, those who are hungry, and orphaned children," the Pope said.



UK nurse and journalist are 'spies,' says Iraq

BAGHDAD, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Iraq told British Energy Secretary John Wakeham yesterday that a detained British nurse and a British-based journalist also being held were suspected of spying.

A spokesman for Wakeham said he raised the cases of Daphne Parish, 45, who worked for a private hospital in Baghdad, and Farzat Bazoft, a journalist for Britain's Observer newspaper, during a meeting with Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

The spokesman told Reuters the two had not yet been charged "but Aziz did indicate that the nature of the case was one of espionage."

If tried and convicted on spying charges, both could face the death penalty.

Wakeham, the first British cabinet minister to

visit Iraq since the August 1988 ceasefire ended fighting in the eight-year war with Iran, is attending an oil seminar in Baghdad.

Iraq told Britain last week that Parish was arrested on Sept. 19 in connection with the activities of Bazoft, an Iranian living in Britain.

The Observer said last month Bazoft covered elections in Iraq's Kurdistan region and then went to the Al Iskandaria area south of Baghdad to investigate reports of a huge explosion.

Iraq denied British press reports quoting US and Middle East sources as saying 700 people died in a blast at a military establishment. It said the explosion was at a petrol depot and 19 people were killed.

Wakeham's spokesman quoted Aziz as saying investigations into the case might take time but as soon as inquiries were complete Iraq would respect its obligations under international conventions.

These included granting British consular officials access to Parish which had so far been refused, the spokesman said.

Before meeting Aziz, Wakeham told a news conference: "We do not condone any breaking of the law and we do not wish to interfere in the internal matters of the Iraqi authorities, but we are concerned that a British citizen has the right of access to consular advice and if necessary to legal advice."

Wakeham earlier held talks with First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan and several

other Iraqi ministers to discuss trade relations.

"I am very encouraged by my talks with the ministers as to their plans," he said. "Iraq is becoming an increasingly important customer to Britain and Britain is an important customer to Iraq."

He told the Associated Press that Britain has offered Iraq advanced technology and services for its post-war reconstruction and industrial development effort.

The minister, who is leading a group of British businessmen and experts at an oil, gas and petrochemical seminar, said a number of important contracts have been signed between Iraqi and British companies in various fields.

Bodies of UK, Saudi fliers recovered

RIYADH, Oct. 16, (AP): A Saudi Arabian rescue team has recovered the bodies of three British Aerospace Corp. employees and two Saudi fliers killed in a plane crash over the kingdom's eastern province, a British embassy diplomat said today.

The diplomat, who refused to be named, said arrangements for flying the bodies home were "up to British Aerospace." He said the bodies were recovered yesterday several hours after the crash.

He and other sources contacted by telephone at the embassy refused to give other details, or provide the British victims' names.

But the Foreign Office in London identified the three British nationals as Rodney Dix, a pilot, and training instructors Alan Smith and Dave Stenhouse.

The Saudi Defence and Aviation Ministry identified the two Saudi victims as flier trainees Saleh Bin Jamaan and Awad Bin Hussein Al Qahatani. They were to be buried here later in the day.

The Saudi ministry said in a statement the twin-engine Jetstream 31 aircraft crashed during a training mission on Saturday over the eastern province, which harbours Ghawar and Al Fateh, the world's largest oil fields.

The Jetstream crashed after "a major technical failure," said the statement, issued yesterday.

Saudi Arabia recently acquired two BAE Jetstream 31 planes as part of a major arms deal with Britain.



Talabani (left) talks at the first international conference on Kurds. On right is Yelena Bonner. (Reuters wirephoto)

Panel to monitor Kurds' treatment

PARIS, Oct. 16, (Reuters): A Paris conference decided yesterday to set up an international parliamentary committee to monitor the treatment of 30 million Kurds spread across five countries.

The two-day international conference, the first of its kind, passed a resolution to create the committee which would also lobby for a United Nations observer seat for the Kurds.

The unanimity on the final resolution contrasted with an earlier clash, when a pro-Iranian Kurdish leader stormed out, accusing the French government of caving in to pressure from Iraq.

Soviet human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov, in a letter addressed to the more than 200 delegates from 26 countries, said the United Nations should be asked to hold a special General Assembly session to discuss the Kurds.

"All the cruelties and illegal acts committed in the past towards the Kurds should be condemned and measures should be taken to prevent them happening again in the future," Sakharov said in the letter, read out by his wife Yelena Bonner.

His call was adopted in the final resolution, along with a pledge to hold a second international conference in Stockholm before July 1990.

The French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Affairs, Bernard Kouchner, who chaired the session, said the conference had been difficult to organize and admitted some governments had protested.

"Our diplomats have received protests from certain governments concerned," he told Reuters.

Iraq, Iran and Turkey, where the majority of Kurds are concentrated, have their own Kurdish guerrilla groups fighting for an independent and United Kurdistan.

Call for media reform

ALGIERS, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Algerian journalists have formally created an independent trade union and called for radical reform of the country's state media.

A communiqué carried by the Algerian news agency APS yesterday after a two-day national journalists' conference said the present system had led to professional and intellectual sterility.

"Algerian journalists call on the authorities to carry out a profound restructuring of the system of national information," the statement said.

All Algerian media are owned and run by the government and journalists have complained of censorship, arbitrary dismissals and worsening work conditions.

The Movement of Algerian Journalists quickly became the main journalists' union after its formation in mid-1988 in opposition to an official union linked to the ruling National Liberation Front.

Iran lashes out at US

An Iranian daily criticized today the American Justice Department's decision to authorize the FBI to chase and arrest fugitives abroad.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted the daily newspaper Jomhuri Islam as saying the new US policy "proves total disrespect" to the sovereignty of other countries.

The Justice Department on Friday announced that it has reversed a 9-year-old policy that denied the FBI authority to seize fugitives in foreign countries. (AP)

5 killed in Kurdish insurgency

Five people were killed in a rebel Kurdish attack on a village and a clash with troops in eastern Turkey, security officials said today.

Separatist rebels of the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) shot dead a civilian guard and two men yesterday in the village of Urulu in Bingol province, after setting fire on the guard's home, they said. (Reuters)

4 Palestinians plead innocent

Four Palestinians pleaded innocent today to charges connected with terrorism against US and Jewish targets, including murder for a fatal bomb in Denmark.

The opening of the trial marked the first court case in Sweden linked to Middle East terrorism, although police suspect that this country was becoming a hideout for Palestinians underground. (AP)

Algeria defers re-trial

An Algerian criminal court yesterday abandoned a controversial re-trial of 15 Islamic militants and sent the case to the supreme court for a ruling on judicial competence.

Algeria radio said a criminal court in Blida, 50 km (30 miles) south of Algiers, deferred the case after defence lawyers argued it was not competent to judge political dissidents.

The defendants, sporting thick beards, skull caps and long robes, were found guilty by a now-defunct state security court in 1987 of plotting to overthrow the government. (Reuters)

Turkey opposes measure

Turkey's lobbyists, with some surreptitious help from US President George Bush's administration, are working furiously to drum up opposition to a Senate measure marking the Armenian genocide 75 years ago.

The resolution, introduced last month by Senator Minority leader Bob Dole, a Republican, threatens to damage the close ties between Washington and Turkey, a NATO ally that hosts US military bases. (AP)

Soviet tourist seeks to defect

A Soviet national from Azerbaijan dropped out of a tour group, went to the US embassy and sought to defect, a source who helped him said today.

The man earlier had sought asylum from the Turkish embassy, the embassy said, but was turned down on ground he did not qualify as a legitimate refugee. (AP)

Middle East Fortnight

A group of young Europeans celebrated a "Middle East Fortnight" — projecting glimpses of Arab culture — during the last two weeks.

The association of European youths, which calls itself "State of Urgency," also featured a concert by a group of Palestinian students, called "Arrass," late Saturday night.

"Arrass" was created in 1984 at the initiative of the union of Palestinian and Arab students in Lyon, France, and has since performed about thirty concerts in France and neighbouring countries. (Kuna)

Captive's wife appeals

The wife of an Israeli airman held prisoner in Lebanon said in a radio broadcast today on the third anniversary of his captivity that he should not lose hope.

The serviceman, Capt. Ron Arad, was captured on Oct. 16, 1986, after his F-4 Phantom fighter jet crashed on a bombing run against Palestinian commando positions in South Lebanon.

The pilot was rescued by an Israeli helicopter, but Arad, the navigator, was captured and is believed held by Shiite Muslim militiamen. (AP)

Iraq, Syria mediation

A high-ranking Afghan official told a local daily that Iraq and Syria are exerting efforts to mediate between the Kabul government and some rebel groups participating in the opposition government.

The official refused to reveal the nature of details of the on going mediation, the daily said today. (Kuna)

Hamlet banned

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Oct. 16, (Reuters): The Army has banned William Shakespeare's classic play Hamlet from a detention camp for prisoners arrested during the Palestinian uprising, an Israeli human rights group said today.

The army bans books from Ketzioz prison camp in the Negev desert if it believes they could incite violence or contain a subversive message.

In Hamlet's famous "to be or not to be" Soliloquy, the Prince of Denmark weighs whether to take up arms or suffer in silence.

But military sources said the decision to bar the play appeared to be an error in judgement and would be reviewed.

Lebanon's Muslims demand

A coalition of Syrian-backed Muslim and leftist groups demanded today an immediate end to Lebanon's political system favouring the Christian minority.

The national forces, which are still making sacrifices to save the Lebanese people from the sectarian regime, do not and will not accept any solution which is not based on the total and immediate abolition of this regime," the National Front said.

The front addressed its statement to members of Lebanon's parliament, now meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, to debate an Arab-proposed national reconciliation charter to end 14 years of civil war. (Reuters)

PLO rejects Baker's plan

US pressure may ease, says Israel

BAGHDAD, Oct. 16, (Agencies): PLO leaders today rejected ideas for Palestinian-Israeli talks proposed by US Secretary of State James Baker, seeing them as an attempt to promote Israel's plan for elections in the occupied territories.

A PLO spokesman said its chairman Yasser Arafat asked the PLO's policy-making central council to endorse the rejection.

Arafat was addressing the 108-member council early today, the second day of a key meeting called to discuss proposals for talks with Israel promoted by Baker and Egyptian President Mubarak.

Arafat was addressing the council on behalf of the PLO executive committee a day after Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir appeared to pour cold water over the US and Egyptian ideas which he had treated with deep suspicion.

Sources at Shamir's right-wing Likud Party said yesterday a Palestinian rejection would help ease US pressure on Israel to enter talks with the Palestinians.

"The PLO executive committee paper, read by Chairman Yasser Arafat, had called on the central council to reject Baker's plan and any other proposal counter to the PLO's own initiative," the spokesman told Reuters.

The spokesman said the PLO paper "had considered the Baker plan a new attempt to surround the Palestinian initiative... and a support to Shamir's plan."

He said the paper also called for stepping up the 22-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, firm adherence to the resolutions of the Palestine National Council (PNC) and the Casablanca Arab summit resolutions.

The Monday session discussed the US-Palestinian dialogue, the plans of Shamir and Baker, Syrian-Palestinian relations and Arab financial support for the PLO.

The paper had reaffirmed that any Palestinian delegation to represent the Palestinians in the same and any other dialogue or talks "must be chosen and approved by the PLO," the spokesman said.

He reiterated his previous statement to Reuters that the PLO "is the sole party that has the first and last right to name Palestinian delegations and announce them."

"Such meetings (with Israel) must take place in the presence of representatives of the five permanent members at the UN Security Council, its secretary-general and all other related parties," the spokesman said.

PLO executive committee member Yasser Abed-Rabbo, the main negotiator in a PLO-US dialogue initiated in December, has said the PLO accepts the concept of face-to-face negotiations with Israel provided it is allowed to choose the delegates.

He also stressed that the dialogue should be unconditional and unrestricted and that it be a prelude to a comprehensive settlement through an international conference.

A leading Palestinian figure today described the situation in the occupied Palestinian land as



An Israeli policeman kicks a Palestinian whose head is held to the pavement by another policeman during a clash in East Jerusalem. A policeman hits the Palestinian man with a wooden club (right). A cloud of teargas rises in background. (Reuters wirephoto)

entering the last five minutes before realization of the aspired goal.

Head of the Palestinian Studies Centre in occupied Jerusalem Faisal Al Hussein also dismissed in an interview with Kuna today press reports that the ongoing intifada is losing steam as "day dreams" aired occasionally during times of relative calm.

The official, who is in Bonn for a Palestinian symposium organized by the Arnouldsheim-based Angelican Academy, said that contrary to claims by some Western mass media, the intifada is

gaining strength and momentum with each passing day and that day and night clashes are taking place between Palestinian activists and the Israeli occupation forces in the occupied land.

Of Palestinian acts of resistance, Hussein cited the daily events in the West Bank city of Nablus and the township of Beit Sahour, where, he said, the Israeli occupation authorities are clamping a curfew, isolating the locality from the outside world and are exercising the most distrust and brutal kind of pressure against local inhabitants.

20 hurt, 40 held in serious clashes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Israeli police fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse 100 Palestinian students today in the first serious clash in Arab East Jerusalem for several months.

Police said students from Rashidiya Boys School opposite the walled old city started the clash, hurling large stones at passing officers from behind a courtyard wall. Forty students were arrested, a police spokesman said.

Fifteen Palestinian students and five Israeli policemen were injured in the riot.

As the protest spread, police called in reinforcements including paramilitary border police and mounted officers who galloped through main East Jerusalem streets chasing suspected stone-throwers.

Palestinians said the boys tried to join schoolgirls marching to the old city in protest against Jewish zealots who planned to lay a cornerstone symbolising a desire to rebuild the biblical temple near Al Aqsa Mosque.

The march by 50 members of the Temple Mount faithful ended in a sit-down protest when police, fearing violent resistance by Palestinians, reversed their approval for the big stone to be laid near the western wall.

The Palestinians said police opened fire in all directions with rubber bullets and teargas, stormed the schoolyard and lobbed gas grenades into classrooms.

"They were shooting everywhere, with large amounts of teargas and rubber bullets. They shot out the front window of my car even though it was parked far from the school," Jack Khazmo, editor of the Al Bayader Assiyasi weekly, told Reuters.

Several merchants along the main Salah Al Din Street closed their stores in protest, while police continued to patrol in large numbers after the disturbance ended.

East Jerusalem hospital officials said they treated 15 Arabs for teargas inhalation and wounds from rubber bullets and beating.

Police said they wounded two protesters, five officers were wounded by stones and a cameraman fleeing the unrest fell, destroying his camera and seriously injuring his knees.

Rashidiya was a site of frequent protests early in the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, now in its 23rd month.

An eight-year-old Palestinian boy died today, three days after he was shot in the head by Israeli soldiers during a demonstration in the occupied Gaza Strip.

The Gaza boy, who died in Tel Hashomer hospital near Tel Aviv was identified by the army as Qassem Abdallah Abu Labda.

He was shot last Friday in the Khan Yunis refugee camp in Gaza when Israeli soldiers opened fire on Palestinian stone throwers, the army said.



Aga Khan award

The Aga Khan (right) presents Dr Said Farsi, former lord mayor of Jeddah, with the 1989 Aga Khan award for architecture at the Citadel in Cairo. Saudi Arabia won three of the 11 awards, including one for the design of the Corniche Mosque in Jeddah. Suzanne Mubarak (second right), wife of the Egyptian President, participated in the ceremony. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aoun threatens to dissolve Parliament

MANAMA, Oct. 16, (UPI): Lebanese Christian strongman Michel Aoun threatened to dissolve Parliament if lawmakers in Saudi Arabia failed to agree on a timetable for a Syrian troop withdrawal, and Arab mediators rejected today a request to include such a provision in a national reconciliation charter, Saudi government sources said.

The government sources in the Saudi mountain resort of Taif, where Christian and Muslim lawmakers have been holding peace talks for more than two weeks, said Aoun warned Christian deputies he would dissolve Parliament if they failed to gain guarantees of a timetable for the complete withdrawal of some 35,000 Syrian soldiers in the strife-torn Middle East nation.

"Aoun threatened to dissolve Parliament if (the Christian deputies) did not obtain written guarantees from the Arab League tripartite committee (on Lebanon) of a complete withdrawal of Syrian troops within a specified timetable," one government source, who asked not to be named, said in a telephone interview.

The independent Beirut daily An Nahar, commenting today on the threat to dissolve Parliament, said such a move "constituted a tactic to exert pressure on delegates to take decisions to satisfy" Aoun's leadership.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal meanwhile, a member of the Arab League tripartite committee and host of the peace talks, was reported to have rejected today a Christian proposal for written guarantees from Arab mediators of a Syrian troop pullout, the sources said.

"The East Beirut deputies gave Prince Saud a memorandum seeking written guarantees of a complete Syrian pullout within a specified period of time," one source said.

"But Prince Saud rejected the memorandum, saying the national reconciliation charter which formed the basis of the Taif talks could not be radically changed, because this would also change the international guarantees that accompanied the document."

Arab press reports said the document, presented with the approval of Damascus, foresaw a Syrian troop deployment to east Lebanon two years after the Lebanese election. The document makes no mention of a complete withdrawal, the reports added.

Christian radio Voice of Lebanon today said the memorandum to Prince Saud included a nine-point plan for a Syrian withdrawal.

The points included demands the Syrians withdraw from Beirut and surrounding regions immediately after Lebanese presidential elections, and the formation of a security zone manned by Saudi, Moroccan and Algerian peace-keepers to keep the Soviet-armed Syrians out.

Thursday, Christian and Muslim deputies announced they had reached agreement on a national reconciliation charter that provided greater political power for the country's Muslim majority in return for guarantees of a limited Syrian troop pullout after Lebanon elected a new president.

But Aoun, in a strongly worded statement from his Beirut headquarters, rejected the plan because it did not stipulate a complete Syrian pullout.

Jordanian women get the right to vote

AMMAN, Oct. 16, (AP): The woman named Shifa, garbed in a modest headscarf and a loose full-length dress, said she is ready to vote in next month's general election — the first in which Jordanian women will take part.

But what will determine her vote?

"Of course my husband, because he is the man," she told a reporter who chatted with her on a busy Amman street festooned with banners for the Nov 8 parliamentary election.

Such women have dampened the optimism of women's rights activists facing their first nationwide campaign.

"Sixty per cent of the women at least are not independent voters... they will be influenced by their husband, father or brother," said Laila Sharaf, a former minister of information

who is one of only two women to have been cabinet ministers in Jordan's 65-year history.

Jordan gave women the right to vote in 1974, but no nationwide elections have taken place since 1967. Women have voted only in a few local elections to replace deputies who died or resigned.

This year several women are running for the 80 parliamentary seats and women are about half the 1 million registered voters.

"This is the first time we will have candidates discussing women and their rights," said Mrs Sharaf.

Some male candidates have targeted appeals to female voters: "Women is half of society. She is the one who raises future generations," announced a banner hoisted by one man.

Threat of clash over kidnappings

SIDON, Oct. 16, (AP): Yasser Arafat's PLO commandos and dissident fighters of Abu Nidal's group appeared poised for a showdown today over the abduction of two Swiss relief workers.

About 15,000 Arafat loyalists demonstrated in the sprawling Palestinian refugee camp of Ein El Hilweh just outside Sidon, changing denunciation of "suspicious Palestinian elements responsible for the abduction."

The demonstrators also denounced last week's assassination of PLO physician Ali Hussein Hashem by gunmen said to belong to Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council faction in the same camp.

Fatah-RC fighters armed with AK-47 assault rifles and shoulder-fired rocket-propelled grenades guarded their offices in the camp as the demonstrators marched past, chanting "stop the saboteurs."

No violence was reported during the march, which coincided with a PLO-sponsored strike that closed schools, shops and other businesses in protest against Hashem's assassination and the abduction on condition of anonymity, said Arafat's mainstream Fatah commandos were preparing to crack down on Abu Nidal's group for the abduction of Swiss orthopedic technicians Emmanuel Christen, 32, and Elio Enriquez, 23.

Special education department helps disabled to adapt

Number of handicapped on the increase

By Nayel Qasem

THE disabled child must be helped to adapt to the environment in which he lives, particularly since the majority exhibit great skills and talents that can be optimally utilised, Mohammad Al Hameedi, director of the Special Education Department said.

The department is providing the right atmosphere and guidance for the disabled to work and express their

talents. Within the same framework, a training course in ship-building would be organised to positively exploit and perfect their talents and optimise the efficiency and competence of instructors in this field.

He said that shipbuilding is not a costly profession and required no large capital. Therefore, the department is trying to train deaf students in the art of shipbuilding, furniture manufacturing, talent perfecting and other

activities intended to stress their productive contributions and consequently optimise their role in the social set-up.

Courses

He pointed out that the department had already organised a number of training courses in similar spheres, in co-operation with Dar Al Seyassah Publication House. A course in printing was organised for implementation on an annual basis, and another

similar course at the Government Printing Office which was meant for students of the fourth grade.

The curricular programmes offered by the department to the disabled covered all sorts of disability, whether paralysis, audio-visual, intellectual and other, pointing to the absence of schools where persons with dual disabilities, such as the paralytical blinds, could receive training and attention, Hameedi said.

He added that this type of disability is commonly present in Kuwait, pointing out that the dually-disabled required special buildings with special equipment and undivided attention, where students would annually cost KD30,000 each.

The number of the disabled persons was constantly increasing due to the population growth, traffic accidents and drugs taken by expectant mothers who later would give birth to disabled

children, adding that the mental school had now 600 students.

He said that teachers were available for all subjects except for the deaf. Those who are well-versed in the language of the deaf were a scarce commodity, and the only country from which such teachers could be loaned or seconded from was Egypt.

Opportunities

Job opportunities are available on the market for the graduates of the

special institutes, and they are well qualified to join university or the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Hameedi said.

He added that the job opportunity for the deaf is not a problem and that there is currently a demand for these qualified professions such as typing, carpentry and painting. These positions are not just for Kuwaitis, but for all nationalities.

Discoloured water to be eradicated from 92-93

THE Minister of Electricity and Water (MEW) Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah has said that the water discolouration problem will be eradicated during 1992-93. A special tender will be invited next week for treating east and west Doha and Zoor areas against this problem next week.

He told a local daily that the proposed Um Al Raman Lake Project consists of two stages one involved water supplies from north Basra in Iraq and the other deal with the provision of water supplies for domestic use from the River Euphrates. The relevant tender would be invited next month for design and supervision to be followed by construction and completion in 92-93.

The proposed inter-linkage between Iraq and Kuwait through a single water grid for domestic and agricultural water supplies, is still under negotiations between the relevant officials in both countries. About 200 million gallons daily of agricultural water supplies would be provided under this project with another 500 million gallons for domestic use, the official said.

He added that the second stage would involve the provision of 350 million gallons daily of agricultural water and another 700 million gallons of domestic water would be provided under stage two of the project.

He said that the ministry is endeavouring to illuminate streets in the country, both in newly constructed areas and provide bulbs in areas where public vandals waste many bulbs in reckless nonchalance.

New cancer control hospital to be built

Behbehani donates KD2.5m

THE Director of Kuwait Anti-Cancer Centre affiliated to the Ministry of Public Health Dr Yusuf Omer was quoted as saying that the centre is planning to separate the radiology department from the chemical therapy department.

In an interview with a local daily, Omer said in view of the importance of chemical therapy in fighting cancer, the centre had decided to expand this field. Accordingly, it has been decided to build a new integrated building to be designed in keeping with medical developments in the world. He disclosed that the total cost of the proposed building estimated at KD2.5 million will be totally donated by Yaqoub Behbehani.

He added that the relevant design works will be finalised soon and the pertinent tender for construction will be floated before the expiry of the current year, and the project will be implemented within 18 months.

The new building will be situated behind the Radiology Department at the campus of Al Sabah Hospital. It will initially consist of 80 beds and will include an out-patient clinic.

It will also include a specialised ward for intensive care in addition to other cancer therapy facilities which may require marrow transplant.

He confirmed the importance of chemical therapy for cancer, adding that this type of treatment had been discovered in the

early 1940s. These services had been expanded in the 1970s particularly when it had proved successful in treating some kinds of cancer, such as blood cancer, breast cancer, testicle cancer and lymphatic cells cancer.

Meanwhile, Omer expressed dissatisfaction over the shortage of consultants and specialists in the centre as well as nursing staff. He clarified that the provision of the necessary physicians of the rare specialisation is not so easy particularly in the light of great expansion in establishing of the anti-cancer centres either in the region or all over the world.

To surpass this obstacle, Omer said, we have to enhance the salaries scale and increase other incentives. He added that the centre to overcome the shortage of these professionals invite visiting consultants for specific periods from France and Poland.

Costs

He added that the centre had requested the Medical Specialisation Institute to prepare an educational and training programme in the field of cancer therapy, which would be instrumental in upgrading the medical level of expertise of the centre's staff.

Meanwhile, the official said that the centre had about 110 beds and the cost of each is KD50 per day. He added that there are 49 doctors working in the centre with different specialisations at the moment. The centre annually receives about 1,200 local cases in

addition to about 400 cases from the Arab Gulf countries and North and South Yemen.

Speaking of the centre's performance, the official said that although the world has not as yet realised an integrated therapy which could be considered 100 per cent successful, the Kuwait Centre established in 1982 had realised considerable progress in the field of the cancer diseases therapy in the last seven years.

He clarified that the centre had achieved a success rate estimated at 90 per cent in the field of blood cancer among children, and 70 per cent for testicle cancer among adults and 70 to 80 per cent in the treatment of lymphatic cancer.

Apart from the above, the centre had achieved significant progress in treating cancer of the uterus, hinting that this kind of cancer is treated chemically and by radiology in addition to surgical operations.

Omer expressed satisfaction at the high level of recognition the centre is accorded internationally and added that the centre is actively following up latest developments in the treatment of various types of cancer.

Meanwhile, the official denied rumours that treatment by surgery and radiology complicate cancer diseases and help spread cancer cells. He confirmed that relevant medical research in this connection showed that the two methods were basic accredited means for surmounting cancer.

16 pc Kuwaitis on aid from Zakat House

ACCORDING to a recent statistical report, the total number of beneficiaries from the aid provided by the Kuwait Zakat House is 16 per cent of the Kuwait population.

The report said that the house-sponsored orphan project, established in 1983, provided full care for more than 16,000 orphans in more than 24 Islamic countries, through the participation of more than 10,000 charity-givers.

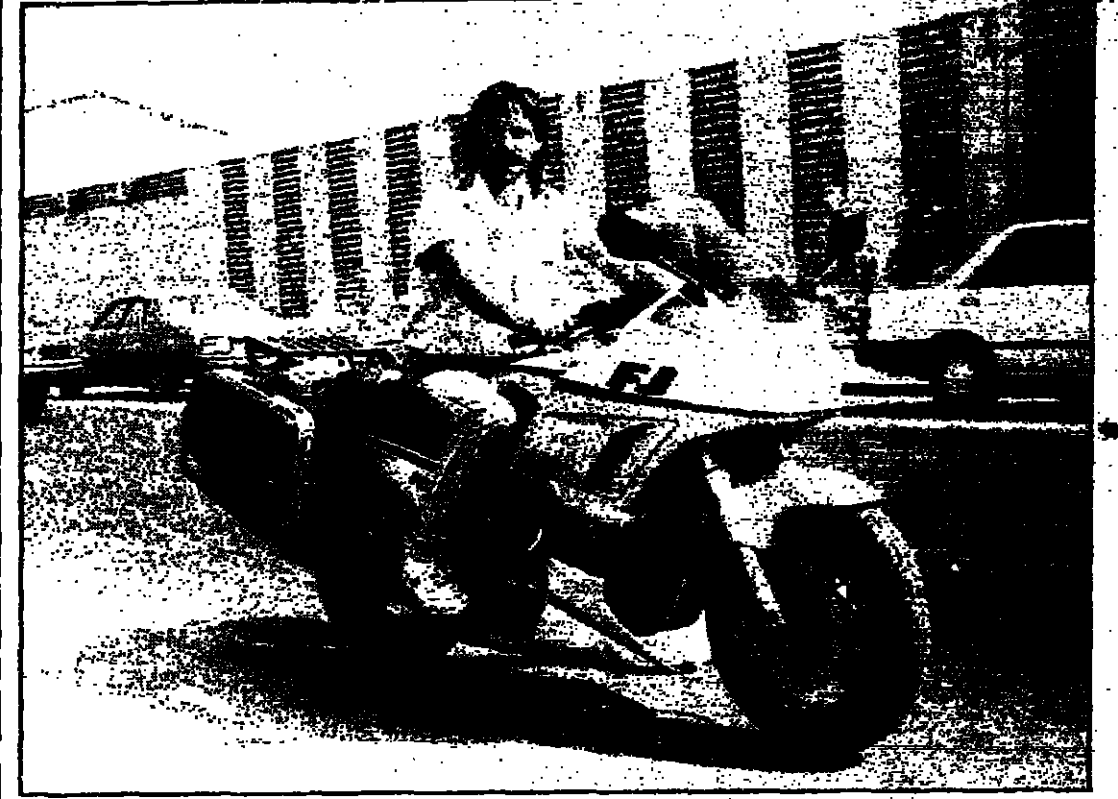
The report added that more than KDI 10,000 were used from the Fund of Permanent Alms to fund the building of mosques, hospitals, clinics, printing copies of the Holy Quran, sponsoring orphans, students, and needy families.

Alms

The report said that the projects undertaken by the Zakat House covered different sectors in the Kuwaiti and Islamic community in the field of distributing alms and charity to poor families, orphans, widows, disabled, and the sick.

The report pointed out alms distribution was made according to regulations stressing the element of 'giving to deserving people', and that more than 1919 families were given regular monthly aid during the period from 1983 to 1988, and casual aid to 19697 families.

The report also stressed the house's effort to organise special lectures for the purpose of raising public awareness to the substantial Islamic concept of the almsgiving duty, as part of the major practice of every Muslim.



Bartels... meeting people.

Around the world on a mobike

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

TOURING the world on a motor cycle, is more fun than on a plane, said the 33-year-old West German Thomas Bartels who has come all way from Hamburg to Kuwait on a motor cycle.

"On a motor cycle an individual has the chance to meet more people, see more places and enjoy nature," Bartels said. He started his trip from Hamburg on July 15, crossed Europe, Turkey and Iraq before coming to Kuwait. Up until now it has cost him 300 DM equivalent to KD480.

He added that he has made a lot of friends in

different countries. People in the Arab world are very close to each other and helpful to strangers as compared to those in Europe, he said.

Bartels commented that in many Arab countries he was asked about his religion while in Europe people do not bother to ask such questions.

Bartels who drives about 15 hours daily, and stops at night said it has been more economical for him through the Arab world than Europe because petrol prices are much cheaper than in Europe.

He is planning to travel to Karachi via Dubai, and will not return to Germany until summer to avoid driving in snowy weather. — Photo by Tamim Saleh.

No private Kuwaiti resident doctors: report

THERE are about 295 physicians working in the private sector of Kuwait according to the Ministry of Public Health annual statistics for 1988. Out of this figure there are 250 males and 45 females, while Kuwaiti doctors in the private sector amount to 34.

The statistical report said that 86 private sector physicians were general practitioners, while another 24 had been classified as resident doctors.

There are 36 dentists in the private sector — 25 males and 11 females.

Meanwhile, statistics stated that there are no Kuwaitis in the private sector involved in the specialisations of anaesthesiology, X-Ray, Chest diseases, labs and ophthalmology. The statistics also revealed that there are no Kuwaiti resident doctors in the private sector.

Apart from the above there are 551 nurses in the private sector with 439 males and 112 females and out of the total there were only eight Kuwaiti nurses, all of them females.

With regard to pharmacists, relevant statistics said there were 436 pharmacists in the private sector with 284 males and 152 females with nine Kuwaitis, six males and three females. There were 106

Opticians in Kuwait and all of them were expatriates, the statistics noted.

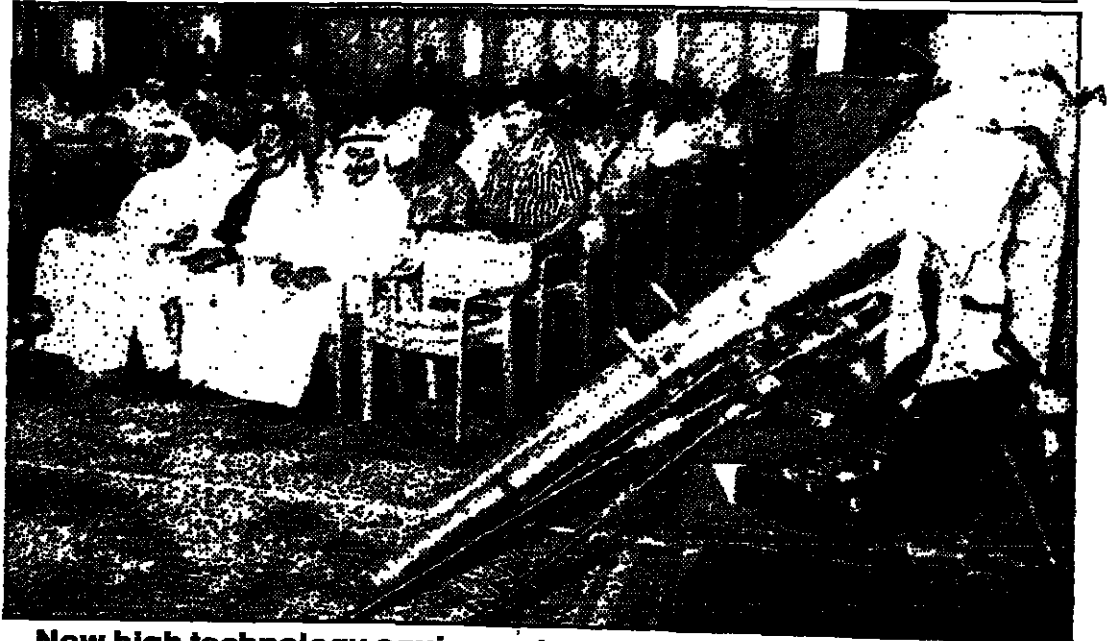
It added that there were 32 dental technicians in the private sector with four Kuwaitis only. But the technicians in the physiotherapy field amounted to 24 according to 1988's statistics with 20 females and four males with one Kuwaiti only.

Speaking of private hospitals, statistics said that there were eight hospitals in the private sector with about 568 beds, adding that these hospitals had received about 46560 cases during 1988 with about 75 per cent being females. It added that most cases related to gynaecology, followed by internal diseases, surgery, paediatrics and dermatology.

Speaking of the death cases in the private hospital, the relevant report said that about 98 persons had died in 1988 with 68 Kuwaitis. Most deaths had occurred at the general medicine departments.

With regard to the out patient clinics at the private hospitals, the statistics referred that the said clinics had received about 35,000 patients in 1988.

On the other hand, the report said that about 15487 surgical operations were undergone at the private hospitals in 1988.



New high technology equipment

The Al Sane Group, equipment division, the sole dealers of the ACB products, recently hosted the ACB Technology Seminar at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel. The opening address, outlining Al Sane's sole dealership agreement for ACB's high technology products was given by James Al Sane, managing director of the Al Sane Group. The various uses of the ACB products were explained via an audio-visual presentation. demonstration of the equipment was held which was well attended by persons from the construction industry as well as the oil sector. The ACB equipment shown off is the only excavating equipment in the world that can go through porous material completely risk free and damage free, using supersonic air technology.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Manama and Taipei consolidate relations

OVER the past year governments of Bahrain and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have consolidated their economic, social and cultural ties by sending a number of official delegations representing different fields to each other's countries.

Francis Chang, Trade Commissioner of Taiwan in Bahrain, told the Arab Times that in view of the excellent relations enjoyed by both nations, particularly in trade, the objective of these visits have been to promote and develop existing economic relationship and to further boost commercial activities between the two countries in different areas.

"We are always seeking to explore the possibility of Taiwan's investment opportunity in Bahrain as we consider the island vital in the region for its excellent communications, infrastructure and banking centre," said Chang.

In recent times Taiwan has shown growing interest in developing Bahrain's agricultural sector which has grown steadily over the last few years and holds potential of further growth. In 1988 Taiwan invited three Bahraini agricultural technicians to attend special courses in aquaculture, plant tissue culture and horticultural crops in order to share Chinese agricultural technology and experience. The success of this visit followed another invitation extended to three more Bahraini technicians for the same purpose early this year.

Sharing

Meanwhile, a team of ten agricultural experts from Taiwan arrived in Bahrain during the same period to work with the island's Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture in a similar goal of sharing of technology and experience.

In recent years Taiwan has been hosting a number of major international economic seminars in view of its rising investment development overseas and its keenness to attract foreign, particularly Arab investment to Taipei. In 1988 Bahrain sent an official from the Ministry of Finance and Economy at the invitation of Taiwan to participate in the 'Academy of International Taxation 1988'. Early this year another Bahraini representative attended the 'Academy of International Economic Affairs 1989'.

Both countries have also encouraged the promotion of mutual cultural visits among its youth. Students and teachers from both Bahrain and Taiwan have conducted exchange visits of goodwill this year.

For the first time a group of Chinese journalists of ten members visited Bahrain in June this year in order to understand the Middle East in general and to enhance the contact and interflow in mass communications in particular.

Stringent veterinary tests in Oman to protect consumer

DUE to recent concerns about animal health, government officials in Oman have asked for more stringent veterinary testing in importing livestock, said Stephen J. Martyn, chief executive — Middle East, Australian Meat & Livestock Corporation. He was in Oman to attend the Sultanate's Food and Food Processing Exhibition.

"We welcome any measures which ensure protection of the consumer," the

Australian livestock-export official said. On Martyn's initial visit to Oman, he had talks with industry and government officials in a country which has been working together with Australian meat and livestock exporters for over a score of years.

Safeguards

The Sultanate's Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries has undertaken "extensive tes-

ting of Australian live sheep and found no cause for concern with the healthy sheep Oman continues to receive," Martyn said.

"The Sultanate has been traditionally a good market for Australian mutton," the AMLC official observed. "But changing patterns of living are seeing a gradual shift to chilled and frozen lamb that Australia could readily supply."

Besides assisting in a disease-eradication programme in Oman, Australian

veterinarians have also been working together with local researchers to devise safeguards to keep the deadly screwworm fly out of Oman, a new insect threatening all livestock in the Middle East.

Talks with government officials also centred on the opportunities for developing sheep breeding in the Sultanate to assist in increasing local production, Martyn reported, for which there was considerable interest.

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New Indian ambassador

ARUN Kumar Budhiraja, India's new ambassador to the State of Kuwait, arrived here yesterday (Oct 16) along with his wife and other members of his family.

Budhiraja is not new to the area as he has already served as ambassador of his country to the Sultanate of Oman. A career diplomat, Budhiraja was later India's High Commissioner in New Zealand. His other assignments include a posting in India's permanent representative mission at the United Nations in New York.

INDIAN ARTS CIRCLE NEHRU BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Schedule of programme for qualifying rounds

Group	Date & Reporting time in hrs.	Venue	Group	Date & Reporting time in hrs.	Venue
MUSIC - CARNATIC			RECITATION		
B.	Oct. 30 18.30	IAC	A.	Oct. 27 09.00	IAC
C.	Oct. 22 18.00	Embassy	B.	Oct. 22 17.30	IAC
D.	Oct. 21 19.30	IAC	C.	Oct. 23 17.30	IAC
E.	Oct. 24 20.00	Embassy		(Upto R. No. 907)	
MUSIC - HINDUSTANI			C.	Oct. 24 17.30	IAC
B.	Oct. 26 20.30	IAC		(From R. No. 908)	
C.	Oct. 26 18.30	IAC	D.	Oct. 21 19.30	IAC
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MUSIC - MODERN			FANCY DRESS		
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DANCING - BHARATHA NATYAM				(From R. No. 731)	
B.	Oct. 26 15.30	IAC	C.	Oct. 27 13.00	IAC
C.	Oct. 25 16.30	IAC	D.	Oct. 30 19.30	IAC
D.	Oct. 27 18.00	IAC	PAINTING		
E.	Oct. 21 20.00	IAC	A.	Oct. 26 14.00	IAC
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Thought for today

LACK of money is the root of all evil — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Israel has new role in Lebanon

Economic stability prevails

EVERY working day, nearly 2,000 Christians, Druze and Muslims pass from Lebanon through four "good fence" border crossings into Israel, heading to the best steady work around.

Israel's economy barely feels the workers' contribution. But Israel's security may be uniquely tied to the Lebanese presence, one of many signs of Israel's increasing entanglement in the southern Lebanese region once controlled by enemies of the Jewish state.

After its invasion in 1982, Israel created the "security zone" in south Lebanon as a buffer against hostile Palestinian and Lebanese Muslim militias. Today, Israeli analysts warn that unemployment in the area could cut into the loyalty of the 200,000 Lebanese residents of the zone.

"The security zone is relatively quiet mainly because of the sense that economic stability prevails. There's too much for the people to lose," said Yosef Olmert, a Middle East expert at Tel Aviv University.

But if the economy sours, "nothing will stop disenchanted people who don't have economic opportunity."

The security zone is about 120 kms (74 miles) long and 4 to 20 kms (2.5 to 12 miles) deep. It was established in 1985 after Israel withdrew the bulk of its troops from Lebanon following a three-year occupation. So far this year 71 commandos have been killed while infiltrating the zone.

An army official who demanded anonymity said Lebanese workers seeking to enter Israel must have relative serving in the South Lebanon Army, the 2,500-member Christian-led militia that is trained and armed by Israel to help defend the frontier.

Metulla's "good fence," which was opened in 1976, is a cluster of buildings, a watchtower and a fence next to an Israeli army post. Workers show identity cards, present work permits and empty their pockets in a check for contraband.

"We all are running away from the war in Lebanon, and we are here to work," Nadeen Badawi, 23, said after driving from the Druze town of Hasbaya, 17 kms (11 miles) north of the border.

Arriving about sunrise, he works Sunday through Friday at an Israeli textile factory.

A 48-year-old Lebanese Christian awaiting a chartered bus to another factory said most of the workers earn a daily wage of about 24 shekels, the equivalent of \$17.

"Most of the men are working in agriculture. A few, like me, work in factories. It is like the Mexicans in America," said the former electronics technician who declined to give his name for fear of reprisals.

Some Lebanese complained that Israeli wages were too low. But most conceded they could do no better in Lebanon, where purchasing power has been steadily eroded by inflation and the average monthly salary is the equivalent of \$75.

Israeli officials say 1,500 to 2,000 Lebanese workers now enter the country daily, compared with only a few hundred in past years.

Half are women who work in hotels, restaurants and as housekeepers. Men generally seek jobs in factories or on farms, where extra money can be made during harvests. Skilled auto mechanics are also in demand. Most return home nightly, but some are provided with housing for stays of up to several weeks.

The Israeli presence in south Lebanon, according to foreign reports, consists of about 1,500 troops and advisers as well as fixed military outposts.

Unlike the Israeli-occupied territories of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, there are no Israeli settlements in southern Lebanon and Israeli civilians are forbidden from entering.

But Israel's influence is not limited to military support and it appears to be growing.

About \$1.3 million in Israeli aid was provided for road repairs last year in addition to funds for schools and hospitals and salary supplements for Lebanese city hall bureaucrats and police.

"In areas where the central government in Lebanon should have built infrastructure and promoted social activity and education, and didn't take care of it, we are taking care of it," said Uri Lubrani, Israel's co-ordinator for Lebanon policy.

He recently inaugurated a new crossing that will be used primarily by Shiite Muslims despite Iran's strong influence among Shites. He predicted 300 to 400 Shites would cross daily to Israeli jobs and the number would increase.

The Israeli shekel has also begun to circulate in south Lebanon along with US dollar and the Lebanese lira.

Frances Rizk, a Lebanese official of the radio station Christian Voice of Hope, estimated the area's trade at \$2 million a month, mostly in the form of imported Israeli agricultural goods and exported Lebanese labour.

"Our financial situation is still the best in all of Lebanon," Rizk said. Israel has said repeatedly it will withdraw if Syria pulls out its 40,000 troops and if Lebanon forms a stable government that could maintain peace.

"Israel has no territorial claims on Lebanon," said Yossi Amihud, the Foreign Ministry spokesman. Israel's concern is "preventing the organisation of terror and the use of Lebanese territory for acts against Israel."

Yoram Hamizrach, a retired colonel and former Israeli army commander in south Lebanon from 1976 to 1980, said he believes Israel is in no hurry to leave Lebanon.

"Nobody talks in terms of getting ready to pull out," he said. The security zone "is not a strategy, but a tactical need, and it won't change as long as there is no government in Lebanon." (Metulla, Israel - AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1662 — England's King Charles II sells Dunkirk to the French.
- 1748 — French troops raise siege of English at Pondicherry, India.
- 1797 — Peace of Campo Formio between France and Austria.
- 1813 — Napoleon Bonaparte's confederation of the Rhine is dissolved.
- 1854 — British and French forces begin siege of Sevastopol in the Crimea.
- 1855 — Englishman Henry Bessemer patents his process for making steel.
- 1899 — Boers are defeated at Glencoe, South Africa.
- 1912 — Turkey declares war on Bulgaria and Serbia.
- 1913 — Serbs invade Albania.
- 1918 — Republic of Yugoslavia is established formally.
- 1927 — Norway forms its first labour government.
- 1931 — Notorious US gangster Al Capone receives 11-year prison sentence for income tax evasion.
- 1937 — Riots erupt in Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia.
- 1945 — Colonel Juan Peron stages coup in Buenos Aires and becomes absolute dictator of Argentina.
- 1972 — President Chiang Kai-shek declares martial law in South Korea, saying politicians cannot be trusted with national task of unification.
- 1975 — Moroccans join their king, Hassan, in peace march into Spanish Sahara.
- 1977 — West German commandos storm hijacked Lufthansa airliner at airport in Somalia and free all 86 hostages abroad.
- 1987 — Tamil snipers attack Indian soldiers as they advance on rebel stronghold of Jaffna in Sri Lanka.
- 1988 — Yugoslavia's Communist Party chief calls for "fundamental renewal of socialism" to halt social unrest.

South Africa releases prisoners

ANC gains legal voice

THE unconditional release of seven African National Congress leaders is a resounding political victory for the guerrilla movement at a time when its military campaign has been dormant.

The hero's welcome for the seven, including six imprisoned for a quarter-century, reflects the powerful grass-roots support the ANC has among blacks despite repeated setbacks and government crackdowns throughout its 77-year history.

The ANC has been outlawed since 1960, and President F.W. de Klerk remains adamant that the organisation must renounce violence before it will be allowed to participate in negotiations for a new constitution.

However, the freeing of the ANC leaders, coupled with De Klerk's recent decision to allow peaceful mass protests, "virtually amounts to de facto validation of the banned ANC," said the Sunday Times, the country's largest selling newspaper.

"At the very least, the de-demonization of the ANC has begun," the newspaper said in an editorial.

The unconditional release of the seven marks the first time ranking ANC leaders have been permitted to engage in political activity in South Africa since the organisation was banned.

Also, government officials have been conferring with the ANC's imprisoned leader, Nelson Mandela, whose release is widely expected within the next several months. There is speculation he wants the ANC to be formally accepted as legal political force before he leaves prison.

ANC supporters, long denied the chance to express their political sympathies, now wave the green, gold and black ANC flag at marches — an action that previously brought swift police action.

At a rally in Durban, the ANC banner was raised on the flagpole at city hall and police allowed it to remain until the end of the demonstration.

Black-oriented newspapers have been printing articles favourable to the ANC and running pictures of its imprisoned and exiled leaders in outright defiance of government censorship laws.

New Nation, one of the country's most militant opposition newspapers, on Friday printed its entire front page in green, gold and black, and ran pictures of the seven ex-prisoners under the headline, "ANC lives."

Such developments seemed unthinkable as recently as a year ago.

Then-President P.W. Botha and his security officials ceaselessly denounced the ANC as a communist-led terrorist group that would be barred from any negotiations.

In addition, the ANC appeared to be in a period of uncertainty.

ANC President Oliver Tambo, 71, suffered a stroke in August and remains at a clinic in London. He has no clear successor, and there has been speculation of a rift between ANC hardliners who want increased military action and political leaders who believe negotiations could be on the horizon.

While the ANC publicly calls for an escalation of its armed struggle, there have been fewer attacks this year than any time since nation-wide black unrest erupted in 1984.

There have been more than 210 bombings responsible for 37 deaths since a state-of-emergency was declared in June 1986. But the totals for this year are about 40 bombings and three deaths.

The ANC, based in Lusaka, Zambia, was forced to close its major military bases in Angola this year under a regional peace treaty signed by South Africa, Angola and Cuba.

The ANC has refused to say where the several thousand guerrillas were sent, but several reports said they were moved to Uganda and Tanzania, two countries that have little day-to-day contact with the southern African region.

The South African government also has been successful in easing its diplomatic isolation on the continent, with Botha and De Klerk meeting several black African leaders in the past year.

The ANC's bid to increase economic sanctions on South Africa has waned, with few new punitive measures being imposed in the past two years.

While the government can claim a string of small victories, the ANC's support, particularly among the young, is considered stronger than ever.

Thousands of black youths fled South Africa in 1976 amid nation-wide black violence to join the ANC and the organisation says it has been receiving around 100 new recruits a month since the unrest of 1984.

The organisation has an estimated 15,000 formal members in exile, and millions of supporters inside South Africa, where blacks account for 28 million of the 37 million population.



African National Congress (ANC) leader Walter Sisulu is welcomed home by friends on Sunday after he was released from 26 years in prison. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sisulu fit and assured

WALTER Max Ulyate Sisulu, the most prominent of the political prisoners released unconditionally by the South African government Sunday, is head of an active but severely restricted anti-apartheid family and one of Nelson Mandela's closest confidantes.

After 26 years in jail, the 77-year-old former secretary general of the African National Congress looked fit and assured as he addressed journalists immediately after his dawn release. His hair has turned white during his incarceration.

Captured in 1963, Sisulu stood trial as accused No. 2 behind Nelson Mandela and was sentenced, with Mandela and seven others, to life imprisonment for plotting the military overthrow of the state, in a trial which put almost the entire leadership of the African National Congress' military wing behind bars.

Of mixed ancestry, the light-skinned Sisulu began his political career in the 1930s as a trade unionist while working as a domestic servant in the port city of East London, and, after being fired for organising a strike in a bakery in 1940, he joined the ANC.

Finding the organisation too moderate, he and Mandela founded the ANC Youth League in 1944 with the aim of pushing for a more radical approach.

Known among his colleagues for his opposition to co-operation with progressive whites and, according to biographer Sheila Gastrow, resentful of his peasant family's deference towards whites, Sisulu pursued a racially exclusivist line in his early years with the ANC.

Elected secretary general of the organisation in 1949, Sisulu played an important role in organising the 1952 "defiance campaign" of civil disobedience, and was jailed for breaking apartheid laws.

After election in 1952, Sisulu spent five months traveling in Europe, the Soviet Union and China, and was soon placed under restriction by the state, forcing him to resign officially from the ANC and continue his work in secret.

Contact with Indian opponents of apartheid during the defiance campaign led Sisulu to moderate his exclusivist stance and in 1955 he endorsed the ANC's non-racial freedom char-

ter, which continues to reflect the organisation's basic ideology.

Sisulu, Mandela and 155 others were arraigned in 1956 for treason, but were acquitted in 1961 after a marathon trial.

Detained during the 1960 state of emergency when the ANC was outlawed, Sisulu endured constant police harassment, being arrested six times in 1962 alone, and convicted of furthering the aims of the ANC in 1963.

While on bail he went underground as a member of the military wing of the ANC and was arrested on July 11, 1963.

At the subsequent trial Sisulu, Mandela and seven others were found guilty of plotting to overthrow the state by violent means and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Sisulu and the others received unconditionally Sunday have consistently rejected offers of freedom conditional upon their renouncing violence, as has Mandela, who remains the only one convicted at the trial in 1964 to remain in prison.

Through the ANC Youth League, Sisulu met his wife Albertina, today one of the country's most outspoken critics of apartheid and no stranger herself to arrest, detention and trial. They have five children.

President of the United Democratic Front, the largest anti-apartheid umbrella organisation, Mrs Sisulu was informed Friday that restriction orders severely curtailing her political activity had been lifted.

The Sisulus' younger son, Zwelakhe, 39, a journalist and trade unionist, was released in December last year from 720 days in detention without charge under a three-year-old state of emergency. Under restriction orders he is prevented from carrying out his duties as editor of the weekly New Nation, published by the South African Catholic Bishop's Conference.

A second son, Max, lives in exile in Lusaka, Zambia, the headquarters of the ANC.

For its "courage and dedication" in the battle against apartheid, the Sisulu family was awarded, only days after Zwelakhe Sisulu's release, a \$100,000 human rights prize by former US President Jimmy Carter and Houston philanthropist Dominique de Menil.

Marxism fades in Africa

"MARXISM-Leninism? That's strictly for the birds." The off-the-cuff comment came from a senior politician in one of Africa's ruling parties, still officially committed to leading the masses to a bright Marxist-Leninist future.

While ruling communist parties in Eastern Europe wrestle with the legacy of their founding fathers, in Africa too Marxism-Leninism seems to have had its day in the sun.

Some say the only place where it is thriving is in South Africa, where the banned South African Communist Party, flaunting the hammer and sickle, claims a surge in support.

"Never before in our history has interest in Marxism-Leninism been so widespread," the party said in a pamphlet to mark its 65th anniversary.

For Poles and Hungarians, fading Marxism means hope of a fundamental shift to multi-party democracy most Africans can look forward only to a continuation of one-party rule, shorn of a Marxist label.

Puritans would argue that Africa's divorce from Marxism is a non-event after all, the two were never really married. African leaders often only flirted with Moscow or Beijing.

President Mohamed Siad Barre of Somalia embraced Marxism in 1970 largely to win Soviet support, but expelled 6,000 Soviet advisers in 1977 when Moscow sided with Ethiopia in the Ogaden conflict.

An alliance with the United States three years later gave Washington access to Soviet-built military facilities. But it was not until the late 1980s that Somalia began dismantling state economic controls. Somalia is still a one-party state.

Next door, President Mengistu Haile Mariam has turned Ethiopia into what is probably Africa's most orthodox Marxist state, but even in orthodox Ethiopia times are changing and the Soviet Union has been pressing for economic reform. "We have sunk millions into Ethiopia and got nothing out," complained a Soviet diplomat.

Like other African countries, Ethiopia is learning that the price of Western aid is a step toward a more open and market-oriented economy.

On the political front, Marxist ideology holds sway. A massive red poster of Marx, Engels and Lenin still dominates Revolution Square in Addis Ababa.

Both the main rebel movements fighting the government had Marxist origins, though they have tolerated more private enterprise than the government.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) officially dropped Marxism at its 1987 congress and now regards itself as social democratic. "We have never seen anything good come of Marxism-Leninism," an EPLF spokesman told a visiting Reuters correspondent.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) remains dominated by orthodox Marxists, many of whom still revere Josef Stalin.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, the Soviet Union saw Marxist governments in Africa as an important bridgehead in the global East-West struggle. Under Mikhail Gorbachev military, economic and political commitments to Third World allies have been cut back.

China has recast its policy towards Africa during a decade of economic pragmatism. Last year Deng Xiaoping was quoted by the official media as telling an African delegation: "According to China's experience, I think you'd better not practise socialism, or at least not practise it in too general a way."

Mozambique's ruling Frelimo Party turned itself from a broad-based liberation movement into a Marxist-Leninist "vanguard party" — a dominant Communist Party — at its 1977 congress at a time when it was trying to emulate Cuba and Vietnam in joining the Soviet bloc.

Several years later, the process has been reversed. Frelimo quietly dropped Marxism at its congress this year.

The shift brought official ideology into line with

pragmatic foreign and domestic policies under the late President Samora Machel and his successor Joaquim Chissano.

Chissano has sought help from the West both to rebuild Mozambique's shattered economy under International Monetary Fund (IMF) rules, and to end a war waged by anti-government rebels.

In neighbouring Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party is nominally committed to building a society on Marxist-Leninist principles. But its policies are capitalist, and leftwing critics say Zanu-PF pays no more than lip-serving to Marxism.

Orthodox Marxists at the university of Zimbabwe who have criticised the government from the left have suffered arrest, expulsion and harassment.

In Congo, President Denis Sassou-Nguesso's nominally Marxist government has long followed Western-style economic policies and recently moved to broaden political representation by opening up the national assembly to a variety of candidates including businessmen and religious sects.

Angola, ruled by the Marxist MPLA, shows signs of an opening to the West and a major reform of the economy is on the horizon. A peace agreement with the rebel Unita Movement has been stalled not by arguments over Marxism, but over that familiar African creature, the one-party state.

Marx and Lenin can be quietly forgotten, but one-party government, a system in which African rulers of the left, right and centre feel equally at home, endures.

From capitalist Zaire to Socialist Tanzania, the ruling parties or popular movements still hold sway but some African intellectuals now feel political unity and stability have been bought at too high a price.

The left wing magazine Southern Africa, edited by Zimbabwean Marxists, recently attacked the one-party state as "a political system which is out of step with the realities of our continent," arguing that it had led to dictatorships.

(Harare — Reuters)

Letters to the editor

Benazir respected

SIR: This refers to Dr Haidar's recent letter on Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's recent visit to Bangladesh. While endorsing some of Dr Haidar's opinion I like to add some more points related to history.

By laying floral wreaths at the monument of the very fighters who fought against Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, it appears, tried boldly to correct some mistakes committed by her predecessors which included right from Mohammad Ali Jinnah down to her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Islam spread to the people of Bangladesh by dint of its superior ideology of equality, justice, brotherhood and resistance against social fascism of minority Hindu upper caste. Muslim state of Bangladesh came into existence since eleventh century. It was merged later with the Muslim state of India for seven centuries. British occupied Bangladesh in the Battle of Plassey and subsequently took over the whole of India. A vaguely defined union of the states of Pakistan was proposed at Lahore conference in 1940 by the then Muslim leaders of the sub-continent. This included undefined larger Muslim state of Bangladesh as a co-sharer of the proposed union. Due to sudden departure of British, against the threat of Hindu revivalism and also due to undue haste shown by Mohammad Ali Jinnah the sub-continent was violently partitioned. As a result, India emerged as the biggest state of the area with Hindu majority. Pakistan emerged as an Islamic Republic with international borders with Iran, Afghanistan, China, India. It became a viable state economically and politically. Muslim Bangladesh lost its industrial city of Calcutta and the then Muslim province of Assam to India on the one hand and federal capital and headquarters of armed forces to its Western partner on the other hand. Muslim Bangladesh became a landlocked backward agrarian dependency of Pakistan. She became surrounded by hostile India.

In 1971 the situation was provoked both by Yahya Khan and Mujibur Rahman. India entered into the conflict of Bangladesh and Pakistan in the same way Britain entered into the conflict of Arabs and Ottoman Turkey before First World War.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto commands respect for the very respect she has shown to the people and state of Bangladesh according to true spirit of Islamic brotherhood.

Mustafiz Safat.

Insurance regulations

SIR: It is very partial on the part of the government authorities to agree to the request of Kuwaiti national insurances and encourage new regulations curtailing foreign insurance agencies firm operating in Kuwait. The foreign insurance companies brought many new policies which the local Kuwaiti companies would never dare to introduce and foreign companies create healthy competition between the companies that results in reduced rates for the insuring public. The treatment of clients at the local companies is compared to a government office rather than a commercial establishment. Therefore on behalf of the insuring public I request the government to encourage foreign insurance companies to take part in the local market in the same ways as they encourage foreign companies/banks to participate in the development of Kuwait after the end of the Gulf war.

A.C. Rajan, Safat.

Aids via mosquitoes

SIR: Modern times bring modern diseases. Take Aids for instance. The word itself creates fear in the hearts of people. People know that Aids means death and no cure, but do the masses have the knowledge how it spreads. One sure way of getting Aids is unsteady partner, another way is through using infected needles like addicts or through blood transfusion. We are not even sure whether the saliva of an Aids infected person can spread it.

Hasn't anyone thought that Aids can also spread if a mosquito bites an Aids infected person and then bites a healthy one, he too is liable of getting this horrible disease. While discussing this with my friends who are science students, we came to the conclusion that a mosquito infested area can be affected totally by Aids if every precaution is not taken.

Anyway, this is a very serious matter and one should not be shy to discuss it with anyone. Education is our only precaution.

Sohail, Kuwait.

Empty come, empty go

SIR: I am a person who believes in God thoroughly, and up to now I was thinking that when a rich man dies, he is cremated with grand honour and loyalty. But today a powerful man like late president Marcos had to suffer and wait for a piece of land to be buried.

I had heard that an individual, rich or poor, when he dies gets free land from God. But we can see that Marcos could not get a 6 feet land to be buried.

I was thinking that when a person becomes rich, he becomes a great man due to his deeds. But that is absolutely wrong. If a poor man dies, he gets a free piece of land to be buried.

If we want to know the character of an individual we can only come to know after his death. An individual comes into the world empty handed and has to leave all the worldly pleasure and go empty handed.

K.V. Shettigar, Kuwait.

Quote me

"He's always bleeding. Once, in Paris, I met him at the airport during the time of all the terrorist attacks. Suddenly, I saw everybody in the airport was backing up, agitated, as Louis parted the crowd, with his head in of terrorism. Everybody thought he'd been a victim and his head on a pole." — Candice Bergen, wife of film director Louis Malle on Louis' clumminess.

"The Ukraina is, for Russia, a four-star hotel. In America, it would be a no-star motel. ... I'm one of the lucky ones. My room has hot water, a shower curtain and only a handful of friendly cockroaches. But the dent in my mattress would probably be considered a pothole in New York City." — Jon Bon Jovi on his accommodation.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Experts expect world markets to soar

Market confidence reduces risk of all-out panic

Kuwait gears up Bid to allay fears of stock plunge

KUWAIT, Oct 16, (Kuna): Kuwait Stock Exchange market committee today held its first meeting following its new formation headed by Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khaleel.

The meeting was attended by the director-general of the stock exchange market, Hisham Al Otaibi. Al Khaleel said in a statement following the meeting that discussions dealt with formation of sub-committees, which are the arbitration, disciplinary and the appeal disciplinary committees.

The minister also said that there are two committees emanating from the market committee which are the committee for registering new companies and the budget committee which draws up the future plans for the budget and financial resources.

Al Khaleel also said that the committee is hoped to shoulder its responsibilities and to match the ambitions expected from it.

Answering a question, the minister said that co-operation among the Arab Gulf states in the financial sector is something inevitable, specially when we are facing the 1990s.

The minister expressed hope that no crashes in the international financial markets would take place, and that measures would be taken to allay fears of the present drop in the New York Stock Exchange and other bourses.

As for the committee, the minister said it will deal with developments of the market and the facilities it provides and will discuss the new draft law on commercial firms.

He pointed out the example of the single European market that would be of different shape and basis in which all current restrictions would be removed.

He stressed that this big financial market, which would be one of the biggest world-wide, would be of an impact on our region.

Al Khaleel added that "we are going to deal with the European market as a unified entity and we hope to reach the best in our and their interests."

TOYO, Oct 16, (Reuters): The spectre of the October 1987 world share crash stalked the Tokyo stock market today, but economists and market experts here said the chances of another global collapse were slim.

"Nothing is the same," said Peter Tasker, senior analyst at Kleinwort Benson International.

Brokers and economists said the future trend would depend to a large extent on Wall Street's performance later in the day, but they predicted fundamental economic factors would limit declines in global equities markets.

Market experts here said Tokyo had a good chance of avoiding a major collapse this week even if New York plummeted again today.

"Tokyo at the end of the day has a much better chance of holding the line than any other market because of all the safety features built into the market," said Andrew Ballingal, strategist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd securities (Japan).

The features include financial authorities' ability to persuade institutions not to dump shares, "circuit breakers" which halt trade in individual issues when they fall a certain amount, and a cat's cradle of cross-held shares in the hands of "stable shareholders" unlikely to sell in a panic.

Market movements

LONDON, Oct 16, (Reuters): The following table shows the latest closes of key indices on major world stock exchanges, the day's change in points and the indices' 1989 highs and lows (with dates). Also shown are the London closes of the West German mark, the Japanese yen, the pound sterling and gold bullion (previous closes in brackets).

	Oct 16	Day's change	1989 High	1989 Low
New York	2,610.86	+41.60	2,791.41	2,144.64
	(Noon)		(Oct 9)	(Jan 3)
London	2,163.4	-70.5	2,426.0	1,782.8
			(Sept 5)	(Jan 3)
Tokyo	34,468.69	-647.33	35,689.98	30,183.79
			(Sept 28)	(Jan 2)
Frankfurt	582.80	-79.73	690.91	535.78
			(Oct 10)	(Feb 27)
Paris	523.5	-29.7	561.6	417.9
			(Oct 11)	(Jan 4)
Sydney	1,600.5	-141.4	1,781.8	1,412.7
			(Apr 29)	(Apr 10)
Hong Kong	2,601.70	-180.60	3,309.64	2,093.61
			(May 15)	(June 5)

Foreign exchange/gold bullion close in London:
Dollar/mark...1.8645 marks (1.8890)
Dollar/yen...141.63 yen (143.10)
Pound/dollar...1.5780 dollars (1.5655)
Gold...366.25 dollars (364.00)

Indices used and their all-time highs:
New York Dow Jones Industrial Average...2,791.41 (Oct 9/89)
London FTSE index...2,426.0 (July 16/87)
Tokyo Nikkei Average...35,689.98 (Sept 28/89)
Frankfurt DAX index...733.88 (April 17/86)
Paris CAC General index...561.6 (Oct 11/89)
Sydney Australian All-Ordinaries index...2,305.9 (Sept 21/87)
Hong Kong Hang Seng index...3,309.64 (Oct 1/87)

Wall Street's dramatic decline on Friday, sparked in large part by news of financing problems in a buyout deal for UAL Corp, triggered major doubts about share prices there after large gains on mergers and acquisitions activity.

But both New York and Tokyo are in general less overvalued than they were on "Black Monday" in 1987, market experts said.

"When Black Monday happened, the New York and Tokyo markets had risen too far," said Toshiaki Kakimoto, chief economist at Sumitomo Bank.

"This time they are not so overvalued, especially Tokyo, which has not risen so much since the beginning of the year, so the reaction should be smaller," he said.

Economists noted that Tokyo's fall this Monday was far smaller than its plunge of 14.9 per cent on October 20, 1987.

They also said the US economy was in a markedly different state than it was two years ago.

"Two years ago it looked as if the US economy was going to overheat," said Matthew Berlow, economist at Credit Lyonnais Alexandre Laing and Cruickshank securities. "Now it's a slowing economy and interest rates are coming down."

America's twin trade and budget deficits are showing signs of improvement, in contrast to the situation in 1987.

"Then the twin deficits were spiralling out of control and the US market was completely reliant on Japanese capital," said Kleinwort Benson's Tasker. "That's changed—the US savings rate is up and the deficits have declined."

Market experts said another change from 1987 was a fading of the discussion which used to plague monetary policy co-ordination among the Group of Seven major industrial nations, typified by jousting between Washington and Bonn.

Two years ago, economists noted, the dollar was in a seriously weakened state. Now it is robust.

"Then we didn't know how far the dollar would fall, but now it's strong," said Sumitomo Bank's Kakimoto.

"We're in a much more stable environment," Tasker said. "We haven't got interest rates and currency changing all over the place."

Confidence born from surviving the 1987 collapse should also help world markets hold the line this time, experts said.

"There is a greater sense of confidence and that reduces the risk of all-out panic," said Barclays de Zoete Wedd's Ballingal.

"Central banks globally will increase liquidity, the regulatory authorities are better prepared, and people's risk control generally is better," he said.

On the negative side, Japanese interest rates, which were declining two years ago, have been rising and the Bank of Japan last Wednesday boosted the official discount rate.

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US seeks to calm jittery nerves

WASHINGTON, Oct 16, (Reuters): Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, seeking to calm jittery nerves, said today that the US central bank was working closely with overseas regulators to co-ordinate a response to the turbulence on world stock markets.

"It goes without saying that we at the Federal Reserve are watching developments in the financial markets rather closely," Greenspan told

the American Bankers Association. "We maintained particular surveillance overnight of Asian and European markets and have kept in productive contact with our counterparts abroad," he added.

In carefully chosen words designed to minimise fears on Wall Street of a repeat of the October 1987 crash, Greenspan said US regulators—the Fed, the Treasury Department, the Securities and Exchange Commis-

sion and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission—were working closely together.

US President George Bush and other government officials also sought to calm market nerves. Bush told reporters he was not worried about the market and his spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, said there was no indication that special measures were called for.

"We have not had to take any action and I wouldn't want to leave you with the impression that everybody is poised to do that," Fitzwater told reporters.

White House Budget Director Richard Darman, who in the past has publicly criticised the Fed for keeping interest rates high, sought to minimise any policy differences between the administration and the Fed. Signs of a rift have rattled the markets in the past.

"We have confidence in Greenspan, and I believe the markets have confidence in Greenspan."

That seemed to be the case today, when bargain hunting and computer-driven buying enabled the Dow Jones industrial average by early afternoon to recoup about 30 of the 190 points it lost on Friday. That seven per cent drop, to 2,569.26, was the steepest since the 508-point crash on Black Monday, October 19, 1987.

Traders in London and Frankfurt said the dollar swung wildly as it mirrored the sharp movements of the Dow Jones industrial average.

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Dollar dips

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10th anniversary

Picture shows the directors and the staff of Kuwait India International Exchange Co. who celebrated the 10th anniversary at a function held on Sunday at the Kuwait International Hotel. Customer satisfaction and dedicated services have always been its corporate policy and the prime factor of its success.

Dow rebounds, markets seem to avoid a crash

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Volume was even heavier than on Black Monday, Oct 19, 1987, said Richard Turrenzano, the New York Stock Exchange's chief spokesman. About 255 million shares had changed hands on Friday, more than an average day's trading.

The NYSE's computer system was expanded following the crash to be able to accommodate 600 million shares a day.

Programme trading, which exacerbated Friday's decline, worked to accentuate the market's volatility today.

Stock index futures plunged at the opening in Chicago, creating a further drag on the stock market in New York. But the futures later moved into plus territory.

Overseas, where markets reopened for the first time since Wall Street's Friday the 13th scare, declines registered from moderate to large in Asia. European markets initially were hit hard but rebounded somewhat after Wall Street opened.

The dollar's value sank in early trading today in Europe and in Tokyo before recovering somewhat.

In Washington, President George Bush, trying to reassure troubled financial markets, said today he was not worried about the stock market's plunge.

He and Federal Reserve board chairman Alan Greenspan said the US central bank and other government agencies were keeping a close eye on developments.

"It's very difficult to tell where we are," Hugh Johnson, first vice president at the First Albany Corp. in New York, said.

Bargain-hunting institutional investors, bought high-quality stocks, which helped push up the Dow, but Johnson, and the fact that the broader market was still off was troublesome.

Takenover rumours and leveraged buyouts had pushed the stock market to record heights in recent months. It was troubled by one of those deals—the employees-management buyout of United Airlines parent UAL Corp.—that sparked Friday's sell-off.

UAL plummeted \$55 to \$224.75.

when it began trading late this morning.

Initial Dow readings were complicated because computers were running behind the heavy trading.

"We're getting through the initial tremor of the opening," said Eugene Peroni, an analyst with Jamey Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia. "The market is holding up pretty well, it's not showing real signs of breaking."

The Dow Jones average had plunged 190.58 points on Friday in the worst decline since the 508-point dive on Black Monday of 1987.

Sell orders had been accumulating over the weekend and stock futures contracts were at a discount to stocks, giving an incentive for investors to sell stocks and buy futures.

London's Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-stock index, down nearly 200 points at midday, recovered to finish the day down 70.50 points, or 3.2 per cent, at 2,163.4 in extremely heavy trading.

On the Tokyo stock exchange, the Nikkei stock average of 225 issues closed at 34,468.69, down 647.33 points, a drop of 1.8 per cent from Friday, when the index rose 329.97 points. The previous biggest decline of the year was 484.11 points on Sept. 26.

Trading in Tokyo was the first opportunity a major foreign market had to react to Friday's 190-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average.

"We at the federal reserve are watching developments in financial markets rather closely," Greenspan told an American Bankers Association meeting in Washington. "We maintained particular surveillance overnight of Asian and European markets and have kept in productive contact with our counterparts abroad."

"Co-ordination exists at a detailed level here in the United States among the Federal Reserve, the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission), the CFTC (Commodity Futures Trading Commission) and the treasury department," Greenspan said.

Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange tumbled in their steepest fall ever, with the German stock index (Dax) plunging 203.56

points or 12.8 per cent, to close at 1,385.72.

In Kuala Lumpur, the exchange's composite index fell 11.5 per cent. The Straits Times industrial index in Singapore fell 10 per cent.

Jasraka Porter of Arab Times adds: The Kuwait Stock Market barely reacted to a share value fall in international markets with prices dropping by only a fraction of one per cent, Kuwaiti economist Jassim Al Saadoun said yesterday.

"The reaction was purely psychological," he added.

The Kuwait Stock Exchange is largely insulated from fluctuations on international markets. The only companies listed on the local stock exchange with links to the international markets are banks and three largest government-owned investment companies known as three Ks.

However, the commercial banks are backed by the Central Bank of Kuwait and distribute dividends regardless of their results, Saadoun said.

Trading in shares owned by three Ks, namely the Kuwait Investment Company, Kuwait International Investment Company and Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company, has been sluggish for a long time now, he added.

The Kuwait Stock Exchange registered only a marginal drop in share prices after the international stock market collapse in 1987.

Investors and economists in Kuwait continue to monitor price movements on international markets.

Saadoun predicted that shares in New York, Tokyo and London stock markets will register only a slight drop before they recover. This is because of the extensive government intervention and the investors' reluctance to push prices further down through extensive selling.

"The investors, who are mostly institutions, have realised that if they sell prices will go down, adversely affecting their portfolios. I predict that some might opt for buying to protect themselves," Saadoun said.

This is the second plunge in share values in two years and another minor one might take place shortly, according to Saadoun.

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Gross Profits	124.15
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Banker hopeful on inflation

LISBON, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Portugal, afflicted with one of Western Europe's highest inflation rates, should start getting a grip on its number one economic enemy next year, Central Bank Governor Jose Tavares Moreira said today.

Policy-makers in the European Economic Community's (EEC) poorest country are struggling with a delicate balancing act to stop the economy overheating while ensuring enough investment and growth to restructure industry and agriculture so Portugal can catch up with the rest of Europe.

"I think we can make some progress in 1990 to reduce inflation," Tavares Moreira told Reuters in an interview.

He said Portugal had set modest targets to slow a rising cost of living and hoped to cut the annual average inflation rate to about 10 per cent next year from 13 per cent in 1989. Last month it was more than 12 per cent.

"What is important is not to reverse the (inflation) process, that would be very dangerous. I would prefer to make modest progress (rather than) be too ambitious and have to reverse the trend," he explained.

But he said tight monetary and fiscal policies were necessary to fight inflation by keeping a consumer spending boom and state expenditure in check.

Brisk consumer demand has boosted imports, sending Portugal's current account \$600 million into the red last year. But Tavares Moreira said there were now signs the deficit was under control thanks to stronger than expected exports, partly due to a high level of foreign investment.

Credit controls imposed last March helped dampen demand at home, he said. Interest rates were another effective tool traditionally used to control the Portuguese economy, which grew by some four per cent last year.

Portugal's high inflation is a major block to its joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System and officials say the rate must first swing down to the EEC average, currently around five per cent.

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dollar deposit rates were mostly steady today in moderate trade, largely shielded from turbulence in international financial markets, dealers said.

Deposits in all periods were quoted at a uniform 8-1/2 to 1/4 per cent. Trades were reported in overnight at 8-3/8 and one month at 8-1/4.

The Central Bank adjusted its dollar to Kuwaiti exchange rate to 0.29801/1 from 0.29823/33 yesterday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were marked sharply lower today on back of similar declines in Eurodollar rates, but many operators were sidelined amid uncertainty over long-term direction.

Dealers said they were watching closely to see whether the US Federal Reserve would ease credit, forcing dollar interest rates closely tracked by riyal deposits, even lower.

"We believe the main panic is over and people will continue to hold on to funds," one dealer said. "But if Wall Street continues to slide, the Federal Reserve will ease credit."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 190 points on Wall Street on Friday. The slide prompted falls on exchanges in the Far East and Europe today, but most analysts do not anticipate a repeat of the October 1987 global crash.

Quotations for the spot price for value Thursday-Monday fell to eight, 7-1/2 per cent from 8-5/8, 1-8 on Sunday. One-week eased to 8-1/4, 7-3/4 from the same level.

The spot riyal eased to 3.7504, 0- to the dollar from quotes of 3.7502 05 on Sunday.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 16, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29776	0.29801
Sterling	0.21784	0.21809
DM	0.16051	0.16201
Sfr	0.18323	0.18508
FF	0.047301	0.047635
ITL	0.002198	0.002201
Yen	0.002091	0.002114
US dollar	0.081067	0.081402
Sfr	0.079381	0.079708
Yen	0.081757	0.082118
ITL	0.07320	0.07359

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 16, (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates for local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-1/2
3 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
1 year	8-1/4	8-1/2

Kuwait banks' foreign assets growing

IN the second quarter of 1989 the balance sheet of the Central Bank recorded a marked increase of KD175 million (20.5 per cent) over the previous quarter, totalling KD1,029 million. This increase came mainly on the side of assets, as a result of an increase in the bank's foreign assets and a slight decline in its local assets.

It was noted that despite the decrease of KD333 million in Central Bank claims on local banks (deposits and discounts), the Central Bank remained a net KD leader to these banks by KD130 million, against KD134 million in the previous quarter, according to Central Bank of Kuwait's Quarterly Statistical Bulletin.

On the side of liabilities, the increase in the Central Bank budget resulted from several changes, mainly an increase of KD207 million in government accounts at the Central Bank over the previous quarter, and a decrease of KD29 million in local banks' balances with the bank.

As for public debt instruments, the Central Bank offered during the second quarter of 1989 thirteen issues of treasury bills (from issue No. 46 to issue No. 59, excluding issue No. 56 for treasury bonds), totalling KD1,538.1 million. While, ten of these issues (from issue No. 36 to issue No. 45) matured, totalling KD1,000 million, bringing the balance of treasury bills to KD1,538.1 million at the end of that quarter.

Issues of treasury bills were oversubscribed in the second quarter of 1989, with an average of 134.19 per cent of the value of issues.

The Central Bank offered one issue of treasury bonds of one-year maturity (issue No. 56), amounting to KD30 million, with an interest rate of 8.5 per cent per annum. Meanwhile, issue No. 35 of these bonds, amounting to KD50 million, matured, reducing the balance of treasury bonds to KD445 million. Thus, the balance of public debt instruments (treasury bills and bonds) reached KD1,983.1 million by the end of the second quarter of 1989, against KD1,465 million in the previous quarter, an increase of KD518 million (35.4 per cent).

The chapter of commodity requirements and services declined slightly, by 1.1 per cent. Meanwhile, expenditure on development projects declined by 14.8 per cent, as some major projects were almost completed.

The deficit in the budget of the fiscal year 1989/90 was estimated at KD1,318.6 million, a decrease of 2.1 per cent below the deficit in the previous budget. A decrease in the current budget deficit is expected at the end of the current fiscal year as it happened in the two previous fiscal years due to the expected increase in oil revenues over those estimated on the one hand, and saving in actual expenditure over their allocations on the other.

During the second quarter of 1989, the securities market witnessed a tangible improvement in share activity, as reflected by the three major indicators: value, volume and number of transactions of traded shares, which increased by 62 per cent, 57 per cent and 46 per cent respectively over the second quarter.

It can be noted that share trading activity during the second quarter of 1989, totalling KD135 million, was most pronounced in April, then returned to its prevailing level in the previous months. As for share prices, the general index of these prices remained relatively stable, following its sharp decline in the first quarter.

The noticeable activity in April, which raised the value of monthly share transactions to levels unprecedented since August 1988, may be attributed to several reasons, mainly the liberation of the movement of daily prices, effective April 1, 1989, from the maximum and minimum limits imposed by the market which used to put limits to increasing and decreasing prices of shares registered in the market during one day. This procedure contributed to raising the index of traded shares in April 1989 by 190 per cent over the previous month.

As for new regulatory procedures in the securities market during this quarter, the market committee, besides its decision

liberating the movement of daily share prices, as indicated above, adopted two other decisions. The first related to the new conditions of registering and trading shareholding companies' shares in the parallel market, in which trading has been temporarily suspended since the beginning of this year. The second decision related to the amendment of certain rules and regulations for trading shares in the market.

During the first eleven months of the fiscal year 1988/89 public revenues totalled KD2,113.1 million, increasing by 2.9 per cent over its estimated level in the budget of the whole fiscal year, totalling KD2,034 million.

Most of this increase in public revenues resulted from increased oil revenues, the result of rising prices and production of crude oil, particularly in the second half of that fiscal year.

Public expenditures during the same period totalled KD2,450.8 million, accounting for 71.1 per cent of total budget allocations (after amendment) and increasing by 13.2 per cent over the corresponding period in the previous year. This increase was distributed over all budget chapters, except for the chapter of commodity requirements and services, the expenditure of which declined slightly by 0.4 per cent.

Saving can be noticed clearly in budget allocations, particularly in spending on development projects, land purchase, miscellaneous expenditures and transfer payments. Saving in expenditures on development projects was concentrated in both the Ministry of Electricity and Water and the Ministry of Public Works as 48.9 per cent and 35 per cent of the total allocations were spent for both of them respectively.

As for the budget for the fiscal year 1989/90, total revenues were estimated at KD2,230.5 million, an increase of 8.6 per cent over the previous fiscal year. Estimated oil revenues for the fiscal year 1989/90 totalled KD1,942 million, against KD1,788.5 million in the previous fiscal year.

Other revenues increased by 8.7 per cent over their estimated level in the previous fiscal year. Most of this increase came from increased taxes, customs duties and services revenues, particularly those collected from the fees of electricity, transport and communications.

Regarding public expenditure a sum of KD3,326 million was allocated, with an increase of 4.1 per cent over the budget allocations for the previous fiscal year. This increase is mostly attributed to the increased allocations for wages and salaries, land purchases and miscellaneous expenditures and transfer payments.

The aggregate balance sheet of local banks recorded in the second quarter of

1989 an increase of KD475 million (3.8 per cent), totalling KD12,882 million. This increase was most pronounced — on the side of assets — in the foreign assets of local banks, which grew by KD376 million (13.5 per cent). Local assets of these banks grew by KD99 million (1 per cent). KD70 million of which were in the form of credit facilities, against a decrease of KD59 million in local investments in local banks, totally concentrating in local investments of commercial banks. On the side of liabilities, the increase was distributed between foreign liabilities (KD210 million) and local resources (KD265 million).

Following are the most important developments witnessed by interest rates on KD in the money market and on interbank exchange rates: Interest rates on interbank deposits in KD increased on all maturities, at rates higher than those in the previous quarter of short-term deposits (overnight, one-month) and lower than those on other maturities.

Against other major currencies, the KD exchange rate showed a marked improvement at rates ranging between 1.87 per cent against the French franc and 5.41 per cent against the Swiss franc. Meanwhile, these rates were 5.18 per cent, 5.07 per cent and 2.39 per cent against the pound sterling, the Japanese yen and the Deutsche mark respectively.

Manila unveils \$1.3b debt purchase offer

New money pact

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, (UPI): The Philippines and its creditor banks yesterday announced an agreement to reduce the Philippine public foreign debt and provide the Southeast Asian country with about \$1 billion in new money loans.

Private banking sources said that the term sheet for an agreement between the Philippines and its creditors on a new money and debt reduction package are ready and will be sent immediately to the bank holders of Philippine debt.

Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., which heads the bank steering committee dealing with the Philippines, will act as closing agent for the deal.

In Washington, Jose H. Fernandez Jr., Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines, said

his country will offer to purchase up to \$1.3 billion of its public foreign debt to private banks at a 50 per cent discount.

Manufacturers Hanover said that under the terms of agreement with the Philippine government of President Corason Aquino, banks unwilling to reduce Philippine debt will have the option to purchase new Philippine bonds with an interest rate equal to Libor — the London Interbank Offered Rate — plus 13/16 of 1 per cent.

The Philippines expects to obtain about \$1 billion in new money lending, said Benito Legarda, an official with the Philippine embassy.

The bonds, guaranteed by the Philippine government, will mature in 15 years and there will

be a grace period of eight years for principal repayments.

Participation in the offer by the commercial bank holders of the debt will be voluntary, Fernandez noted. Banks will have three weeks in which to decide whether they wish to accept the offer, with a closing for the transaction anticipated in early January.

Total Philippine foreign debt is \$27.4 billion. Debt to banks is \$12 billion to \$13 billion, of which \$3 billion corresponds to short-term trade loans. Public Philippine debt to private banks is \$6.6 billion, Legarda said.

The agreement between the Philippines and the banks also provides for amendments to a 1985 new money pact and to a

previous pact on public sector debt in order to match the maturity, grace period and interest rate of the present new money lending, effectively reducing their interest rates and extending their maturities, manufacturers Hanover said.

Also, the agreement envisions new debt and debt service reduction transactions, as well as future new money lending, the banking source said.

The Philippines is the second country to reach an agreement with its creditor banks to obtain both new money and debt reduction.

Mexico recently obtained from its creditor banks a 35 per cent reduction in debt or debt service over its \$53 billion bank debt, plus an yet unspecified amount of new money lending.

EEC commissioner hits unions

BRUSSELS, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Combating unemployment is a top priority for the European Economic Community, but insecure jobs which curb workers' rights are not worth having, EEC social affairs commissioner Vasso Papanetou said today.

She said she questioned the wisdom of some unions being ready to give up the right to strike in return for a pledge of job security.

Some British unions are among those that have clinched this kind of deal with Japanese firms in job-hungry parts of Britain.

"To say the least, I wonder about this trade-off," she told a European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) conference in Oxford. The

conference groups 36 union confederations in 21 countries. Papanetou said she welcomed recent reductions in unemployment in the EEC, but said 14 million jobs — over nine per cent of the active population — was still far too high.

She warned unions not to be overtaken by events and to think ahead to 1992 by preparing for job switches through retraining.

A recent EEC commission report estimated that up to 500,000 jobs would be lost in the run-up to 1992 as barriers to a huge single market are dismantled and companies are exposed to freer competition.

Papanetou's plan to guarantee a

minimum safety net for workers through an EEC charter of social rights has met implacable opposition from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who calls it a Marxist-inspired plan to impose socialism on Britain.

Th ETUC is also sceptical of Papanetou's plan, fearing the charter could be watered down.

But Papanetou said: "I will be the last to accept the senior for competitiveness and profitability should and can be achieved by lowering working standards."

She said the EEC needed more and better jobs for highly qualified workers who could produce the quality

goods and services the EEC needs to compete internationally.

She said the social policy she is developing for 320 million EEC citizens was essential to make the community a better place for people, not just business.

The policy was not an afterthought, nor an ambulance for casualties of stiff competition. "Without it, the internal market will remain just an improved version of the common market," she said.

Papanetou goes to Britain this week to explore scope for compromise over the social charter plan.

She wants the 12 EEC governments to commit themselves politically to it at a summit meeting in December.

Deficit has become tougher to trim

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, (Reuters): The strong dollar and slower economic growth overseas is hampering US exports and frustrating America's efforts to cut its huge trade deficit.

Some economists predict the August trade gap will rise to as high as \$9.5 billion from \$7.5 billion in July when figures are released.

"Growth in exports is slowing down," said economist Kevin Logan at Swiss Bank Corp. in New York. "And imports will rise as long as there's some growth in the US economy."

Recent events have conspired against the trade deficit, which has been running at about \$8 billion a month, despite the desire by the Group of Seven (G-7) industrialised nations to narrow it.

US exports, which gained steadily from mid-1987 into the spring of 1989, are now levelling at around

\$31 billion a month. Imports, fuelled by domestic consumption are hovering around \$40 billion.

A key culprit behind the entrenched deficit is the dollar, which is showing resistance, and even gaining ground, despite attempts by the G-7 central bankers to knock it down.

The dollar got a kick this week by comments from Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, who said the central bank's main goal was to fight inflation, not the high-flying dollar.

Those comments, perhaps made inadvertently, undermined efforts of central bankers around the world to bring the dollar down.

Economists said the high dollar will eventually make US goods more expensive overseas and lower the price of imports, making it more difficult to score export gains.

Western donors still giving Vietnam the cold shoulder

BANGKOK, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Vietnam's announcement that it ended its military presence in Cambodia last month has so far failed to attract desperately needed economic aid.

Hanoi is defiant as the United States continues to block Vietnam's attempts to end its international isolation.

"We've faced an embargo for 40 years, as well as bombing and war. Many predicted Vietnam would collapse," Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach told reporters last week in the crumbling and overcrowded Vietnamese capital.

"Now you can see a miracle in our fight against inflation even without the embargo being lifted," he said, referring to a major success of radical economic reforms this year.

Vietnamese economists and foreign bankers are less sanguine. They say an injection of foreign capital remains vital in a country where capital is scarce and the infrastructure is primitive despite massive Soviet aid over more than a decade.

Western diplomats in Bangkok said it appeared Washington was hindering a Vietnamese initiative to clear its arrears with the International Monetary Fund, which would enable it to secure fresh IMF money and open the way to obtaining other IMF officials impressed by Vietnam's commitment to economic reform, would involve raising a foreign commercial bank loan of at least \$150 million.

The arrangement is crucial to Vietnam's efforts to build links with the West and maintain living standards for its population of 65 million while implementing economic reforms.

Analysts in Western financial capitals said most countries were following Washington's lead and no major economic aid would come until the relationship with the IMF was restored.

This depended on US conditions: that Hanoi allow the United Nations to check that it really withdrew from Cambodia, and that it help create an overall settlement in Cambodia that brings US-backed guerrillas into an interim government.

"Once there is agreement with the IMF, the banks will look to move in," said a Far East analyst with a major bank in London. "No bank

will get too involved until the arrears problem is resolved."

Another London banker said: "Changes have to come from the government before the banks make any move, but the sticking point here is the US." He believed Washington was becoming increasingly isolated in its position.

The Japanese government is sticking to the US line for now but Tokyo has refused to give official aid, though Japanese companies are trading heavily with Vietnam.

More encouraging signs have come from Australia and France. France, which has maintained close links with its former colony, is sending Foreign Minister Roland Dumas to Vietnam in December, partly to plan a trip by President Francois Mitterrand early next year.

Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans toured the country earlier this year and his country's Overseas Telecommunications Commission is providing satellite ground stations in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

In non-communist Southeast Asian states, a tug-of-war has developed between political and

commercial interests.

The Singapore government slapped a ban on local companies investing in Vietnam in April to put pressure on Hanoi to work towards peace in Cambodia. But investors can still go and talk without actually committing money, and trade is flourishing.

Indonesian companies have been in the forefront of dealing with Vietnam since Hanoi began opening its economy with a liberal foreign investment law in January 1988.

An executive of the Summa International Group, part owner of Indovina Bank, which will be the first joint venture bank in Vietnam, said: "We saw a lot of chances for doing business with Vietnam...we'll carry on." The bank is due to open at the end of this year.

In Bangkok the issue of Vietnam has created a serious rift between foreign minister Siddhi Savetasil, who wants to continue ostracising Vietnam, and Prime Minister Chuan Choonhavan, who wants to turn Indochina's battlefields into markets.

Thach said foreign investors, rather than Vietnam, would ultimately lose if they were reluctant

Gulf Air seeks loan for new planes

BAHRAIN, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Bahrain-based Gulf Air said today it planned to borrow \$400 million to buy six new Boeing 767-300 airliners.

A spokesman for the airline told Reuters it had invited bids from the island's offshore banks for the loan, part of a plan to pay a total of \$1 billion for the Boeings and 12 Airbus A-320's.

The purchases would boost to 41 the number of airliners operated by Gulf Air, which is owned by the governments of Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

In April Gulf Air signed a \$208 million loan with a syndicate of banks to buy four Boeing 767-300s.

Gulf Air expected its 1989 profit to jump to around 30 million dinars (\$80 million) from 2.5 million (6.6 million) in 1988, the spokesman said.

This would include funds from the sale in 1988 of eight ageing Boeing 737's. Gulf Air made losses in 1986 and 1987.

Operating income was set to rise to around 240 million dinars (\$636 million) from 22.5 million (\$588 million) in 1988, the spokesman said.

Gulf Air's directors decided at a meeting in Abu Dhabi last week to boost the airline's paid-in capital by 36 million dinars (\$95 million) to 100 million dinars (\$265 million), he added.

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Auto Corp	71	71
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Na Ind	317.50	317.50
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Blow Blast	—	—
Bom Dye	127.50	127
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Colgate	183.75	188.75
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DCM	13.50	12.50
Deep Fert	29.50	29.25
Dunlop	70	70
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ESR index	722.54	724.75
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Food Spg	109	110
Forbes	50	47.50
Car Poly	67.50	66
Gibbs	100	98
GNFC	28.50	29.50
Gratim	99	97.50
GE Shpg	41.50	41.25
GRSP	166.50	166.25
Guj Alki	73	72.50
Guj Alki	11.50	11
Hero Honda	19.50	18.50
Hind Cbs	100	98
Hind Cbs	102	102.50
Hind Coca	129	131
Hind Motor	23.75	24.25
Hind Motor	22.50	22.50
Hind Motor	1200	1210
Ingersoll	402.50	395
ITT	66.50	64.50
Ind Org	54	52
Ind Rayon	82.50	82
Indrol	252.50	248.75

Short-term lapse IBM earnings down

ARMONK, NY, Oct. 16, (Reuters): International Business Machines Corp. said today its third-quarter earnings dropped almost 30 per cent to \$877 million in what the computer giant termed a short-term lapse from its generally improved outlook.

IBM had told analysts they were being too optimistic with estimates for unchanged or slightly higher earnings for the Armonk, New York-based company.

The earnings were 29.7 per cent below the \$1.25 billion IBM reported for the third quarter a year ago.

Asian markets post moderate to large declines, shares nosedive in Europe then recover



Yelling orders

Traders on the floor of the Sydney Stock Exchange yell their orders sharply in the wake of Friday's plunge on Wall Street. (Reuters wirephoto)

Scramble for stocks

Stock dealers scramble in active trading at the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Tokyo market lost its grip on Monday afternoon trading as it tried to claw back from an initial morning loss following Wall Street's 191-point plunge on Friday. Shares ended at the year's worst loss, down 647.33 points to 34,501.76. (Reuters wirephoto)

Markets avoid repeat of Black Monday crash

NYSE visited

'Watching a car accident'

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP) — Scores of tourists lined up early today outside the New York Stock Exchange hoping to witness the historic trading spasm on the vast floor where brokers feared another Black Monday panic.

"I feel like I'm watching a car accident," said John Egan, 24, a New Yorker waiting to get into the visitor's gallery.

About 100 visitors ranging from out-of-town tourists to New Yorkers with a few hours to kill queued by the visitor's entrance to the nation's biggest stock market, where prices plunged Friday and the Dow Jones industrial tumbled 190.53 points to 2,569.26, its biggest point loss since the October 1987 crash.

NYSE officials weren't immediately allowing anyone into the gallery however, and tanned exchange sentries guarded the building's entrance amid the sky-high crowds of southern Manhattan. About 20 New York police on motorcycles and horseback deployed themselves nearby.

Dozens of press photographers stood outside and television news crew vehicles were parked on Wall Street on a cool foggy morning.

"No matter how you see it, something sudden and very important happened on Friday," said John van Rosendaal, 26, a Columbia University journalism school student, from Utrecht, Netherlands, who was waiting on the visitor's gallery line. "Something big's happening and I want to be there when it does."

Hope to emerge unscathed

Fashion trade

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuters) — European fashion designers are raising their fingers as they finish spring and summer ready-to-wear collections, hoping to emerge unscathed from the stock market turmoil.

Plunging prices on Wall Street have put the dollar under pressure, threatening to cut the purchasing power of influential buyers from American stores gathering in Paris this week for eight days of shows.

Earlier this month Women's Wear Daily, the fashion world's bible, said European designers expected solid increases in US bookings for the new lines thanks to a relatively stable dollar and a widespread drive to boost sales in the United States.

After Friday's Wall Street plunge, all bets are off.

Besides the pressure on the dollar, rich businessmen who wish to like to be first with the latest fashions may become cautious as the value of their portfolios shrinks.



Doom watch

Swiss shareholders watch stock prices tumble in a bank window display as Swiss shares declined over 10 per cent on the day. The fall came after New York's 190-point Friday the 13th plunge. (Reuters wirephoto)

Europe

Shares nosedive

Shares nosedive: Share prices nosedived across Europe on Monday in their first reaction to Wall Street's Friday the 13th plunge, but recovered when New York prices moved higher.

Trading was disrupted in most European financial centres, although London, the biggest, and Madrid remained calm in the face of extreme volatility and heavy volume.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but at least we didn't crash," said a dealer with a large British brokerage firm in London.

Falls on Europe's indexes ranged from 3 per cent to about 13 per cent for the day.

Sharp price drops triggered European versions of "circuit breakers" — many created after the Oct. 1987 stock market crash — and prompted some authorities to step in to contain the damage.

Price drops of 15 per cent triggered trading suspensions in many shares in Paris, Brussels, and Lisbon.

A deluge of sell orders caused computer problems in Brussels, where there was little trading all day. Amsterdam also had computer problems during the session.

Many exchanges, including Frankfurt's, stayed open late to compensate for the trading difficulties.

Right now, with the dollar up and Wall Street up, it certainly doesn't look like any crash," said a Zurich dealer.

"It's all Wall Street right now," an equities analyst with the London investment firm James Capel and Co. said, adding that New York's performance through the rest of the day would set Tuesday's tone for Europe.

London's Financial Times stock exchange 100-share index fell 70.5 points, or 3.2 per cent, to close at 2,163.4. It finished at its session high and recovered 133.7 points from the day's low of 2,029.7, which came earlier in the afternoon when investors became nervous about Wall Street's approaching opening.

The Friday debacle in New York occurred after European centres had closed for the week-end and European investors were not reassured by a modest setback in Tokyo earlier today.

The Financial Times 30-share index closed 76.3 points lower at 1,738.7. The Financial Times 500-share index fell 50.03 points to close at 1,190.37.

Volume came to an extremely heavy 959.3 million shares, more than double Friday's volume of 457.7 million shares.

But share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange tumbled in their steepest fall ever, with the German stock index (Dax) plunging 203.56 points, or 12.8 per cent, to close at 1,385.72. One Frankfurt dealer called the session a blood bath.

However, other German and some Norwegian traders reported that while individual investors were dumping stocks, institutions were holding back.

Though London stayed calm, London's stock exchange was forced to declare a "fast market," in which prices quoted on market makers' screens becoming indicative rather than precise. In volatile, heavy trading, market makers often find themselves constantly updating prices and have no time to trade, so a fast market allows them to update prices more occasionally and deal on the telephone.

The need for a "fast market" was driven by the strong buying demand in the afternoon.

Madrid's stock exchange President Pedro Guerrero said the main challenge was to maintain liquidity at all costs, "and this has been achieved totally." He described trading as "frenzied, but satisfactory."

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, issued a statement after a routine meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, saying the share prices declines were "not surprising."

He blamed the largely American phenomenon of junk bonds for the slide, and added, "as the events of 1987 demonstrated, there is no need for sharp fluctuations in the stock market to have significant effects on the real economy."

A spokesman for the West German central bank, the Bundesbank, said "we're observing the situation very intensively. We've been in constant contact with the affected countries."

He requested anonymity.

Meanwhile, British Airways reiterated on Monday that it plans to pursue the acquisition of UAL Corp. Together with a United Airlines management group though the company said the terms of the deal were under review.

"The operative word is 'proceeding,'" said a British Airways spokesman, who wasn't identified, in accordance with British practice.

It was failure of that bidding group to obtain financing for the deal which led to the 190-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average on Friday.

In Athens, the leap index fell 144 units, or 11.3 per cent, to 1,130.32 at the close. In Oslo, the total index fell 59 points, or about 11 per cent, to close at 464.

In Amsterdam, the bourse's management limited share price changes to 3 guilders (\$1.43), requiring a 15-minute cooling-off period if they exceeded that limit. Traders called the move highly unusual.

Trading on the Paris stock exchange was suspended twice after the opening bell on Monday due to heavy selling that prompted a 10.03 per cent drop in the wake of last week's fall on Wall Street.

Trading was automatically suspended shortly after the opening bell under a built-in safety regulation that halts trading after an initial seven per cent shift in the general trend indicator.

A mid-morning attempt to rescue trading had to be suspended when the indicator dropped 12 per cent.



War cry

A trader shouts out an order at the London Stock Exchange moments after the New York Stock Exchange opened. The London exchange rallied after news that New York has bounced back. (Reuters wirephoto)



Hands full

A broker has his hands full during frenzied trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Wild capitalism'

France blames US, urges calm

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuters) — French Finance Minister Pierre Bergeyov yesterday blamed "wild capitalism" in the United States for Wall Street's 190-point dive on Friday and urged French investors to stay calm.

"What is at issue is the indebtedness of the United States, the fact that the US does not have sufficient savings and that you can buy companies simply by taking on debt up to a terribly high level in order to then sell them piece by piece and realise considerable, and naturally illicit, profits," Bergeyov said in an hour-long television interview.

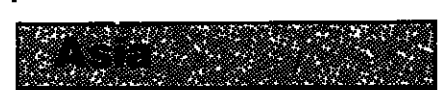
"Wild capitalism shows us what kind of catastrophe it can produce when it is not regulated or organised," he added.

Wall Street shares plunged 190 points on Friday, touching off widespread fears of a rerun of Black Monday on October 19, 1987, when the US index plummeted 508 points.

The Finance Minister urged French shareholders not to react to Wall Street's slump by panic selling when the stock market opened today.

Asked if the Wall Street drop would hit the Paris bourse, he answered: "It doesn't necessarily follow. We must in any case keep a cool head and avoid panicking. The most important thing is not to sell."

"It was demonstrated after the crash of October 1987 that central bank governors and Finance Ministers have the means to inject liquidity — in other words cash — to correct the phenomenon."



Investors react

A trader at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange gestures as investors react to Wall Street's plunge with a wave of early selling. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tokyo tumbles

Prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange took their biggest tumble of the year Monday, but trading was calmer than expected in reaction to Wall Street's plunge on Friday. The US dollar opened sharply lower against the Japanese yen, but gained slightly during the day.

The closely watched 225-share Nikkei stock average opened down about 600 points and quickly recovered about a third of its losses before falling again in the afternoon. It closed at 34,468.69, down 647.33 points, a drop of 1.8 per cent from Friday.

Volume was a thin 520 million shares, less than the 550 million shares traded last Friday when the Nikkei index rose 329.97 points.

Analysts viewed the developments as expected and ruled out a recurrence of the Black Monday global crash two years ago.

"It (the price fall) was not larger than expected and we are not studying any special measures to cope with it," Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters.

"Japan's economy is sound and stable, and the yen's rise was not bad for Japan," he added.

Hashimoto earlier told Parliament the tumble on Wall Street Friday was caused by an individual factor and not by a change in the US economic fundamentals.

Finance Ministry and Bank of Japan sources reacted calmly to Monday's developments, saying the economic environment today is different from that which existed when the Black Monday crash occurred Oct. 19, 1987.

"Basically, we welcome the dollar's decline although its rapid fall is not welcome, of course," said a central bank official, who declined to be named.

His remark was regarded as indicating the Bank of Japan would refrain from intervening in the market for the time being.

The greenback came under heavy selling pressure in Tokyo, closing .25 yen lower at 140.75 yen. It opened more than 4.05 yen lower at 139.95 yen and sank to a low of 139.75 yen briefly before making an upturn.



Investors react

A trader at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange gestures as investors react to Wall Street's plunge with a wave of early selling. (Reuters wirephoto)

In Hong Kong

The blue-chip Hang Seng index closed at 2,501.7, down 180.60 points, or 6.5 per cent. An analyst at County NatWest Security Asia Ltd said, "if the market in New York tonight is holding, or down by not more than 40 to 50 points, I believe the Hong Kong market will be all right tomorrow."

The drop in stock prices fell far short of the 33 per cent dive that occurred in Hong Kong in October 1987 following the Black Monday crash in New York that sent shares plummeting around the world.

Turnover was \$285.9 million, or Hong Kong \$2.23 billion.

Brokers said the decline in prices in Hong Kong was about in line with most expectations after the New York market fell 190 points late Friday afternoon, sparking fears of another major economic downturn.

Monday's results were the sharpest fall in the Hong Kong market since a 580-point plunge June 5 after Chinese troops opened fire on demonstrators at Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Share prices dropped 46 points when the market opened Monday and were down 162 points after the first 10 minutes of trading. The general decline continued to throughout the day except for a short-lived rally before noon when bargain hunters entered the market.

Gold closed Monday at \$365.95 per ounce, up \$2.60 from Friday's closing price of \$363.35.

The drop on the Hang Seng index was pretty much in line with what was expected," Howard Gorges, director of South China Securities said.

"I had said earlier in the day that the market would probably drop 150-200 points today."

He said the market trend for the rest of the week would not be clear until the New York Stock Exchange Monday results were in.

"I think traders will start to look at each market individually," he said when asked about the future. "I mean right now the world market's been running around like chickens with their heads cut off."

Many brokers had believed the market would not fall further in the afternoon. But sellers, mainly fund managers in London, entered the market after lunch.

"Most overseas investors are already under-weighted in Hong Kong, so that should help shield us somewhat," an analyst at a major US-based Securities House said.

David Nendick, Hong Kong's secretary for monetary affairs, said in a telephone interview: "The market came off about six per cent today, but in October 1987 it fell nearly 50 per cent here, as it did in other markets."

"Things were different this time. People immediately began addressing the issues and spent very little time sitting around shell-shocked," Nendick said.

Sharp drop: Share prices in Australia also dropped sharply at the opening but steadied. The Australian All Ordinaries Index, the major market barometer, lost 150 points to around 1,591, then recovered to 1,616 at the end of the morning session, showing a drop of about 7 per cent.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke said he did not expect the "sort of repercussions" that followed the crash two years ago.

Second biggest fall: The US dollar plunged and the stock market suffered its second biggest fall of all time on Monday as shock waves from Friday's Wall Street dive hit New Zealand.

Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer appealed for calm but ruled out any softening of monetary policy, kept tight to fight inflation.

In the first trading since US markets closed in turmoil, the dollar plunged by more than three pennies to below 1.84 marks and four yen to around 140 yen in hectic business.

"It's looking pretty ugly out there," said one dealer. Traders blamed fears that the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, would cut interest rates to boost Wall Street prices after Friday's drop.

Israeli stocks rally: Bucking a worldwide trend, Israeli share prices rose an average of two per cent in the first two hours of trading on Monday after a seven per cent fall on Sunday triggered by Wall Street's slide.

"The panic is over, professional investors are buying again," a Tel Aviv Stock Exchange dealer said.

But the market was still tilted to European exchanges and Wall Street. "More losses in New York prices may adversely influence the (Israeli) recovery," the dealer said.

Buying orders topped selling orders by about 12 million shekels (\$6 million) after a 100 million shekel (\$50 million) surplus of selling orders on Sunday, officials said.

Warning against speculation: Saudi Arabian Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abul Khail warned investors in remarks published on Monday against unwarranted speculation on the kingdom's fledgling stock market.

Al Riyadh daily said Abul Khail blamed recent sharp fluctuations in some Saudi share prices on speculators who were trying to get rich quickly.

"I think the current situation was caused by speculators who are trying to take profit quickly by raising the value of shares than cutting them down," the paper quoted him as saying.

Abul Khail's remarks apparently referred to a dramatic 70 per cent rise in the share prices of the newly-formed Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation during the past six weeks.

Analysts in the kingdom said prices for individual shares of Al Rajhi surged to 1,805 riyals from 1,200 last week as two competing players bought stock. They fell back to 1,256 riyals after a ministerial warning prompted a wave of selling.

One analyst said although share prices in a few banking and industrial firms on the kingdom's telephone and telex market have risen dramatically in the past few weeks, most gains reflected improved company performance.

"In general, the Saudi market is not prone to unhealthy speculation... We don't see sharp increases in prices on a regular basis," he said.

Happy birthday



Shona Noronha celebrates her 12th birthday on October 18. Happy birthday from parents Agnelo, Maria, Shubert and relatives. Shona goes to the Indian School Mangal.



Karan Prakash Bhatia celebrated his 5th birthday on October 15. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Karan goes to the Indian School and likes swimming and cartoons.



Zhu Li Ying celebrates her 10th birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents. Zhu goes to the Guangzhou School (China) and likes swimming and music.



Vijay Saldanha celebrates his birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Vijay goes to the Indian School and likes swimming and reading.



Facil Ortolinda Miranda celebrates her 5th birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Facil goes to the Indian School and likes singing and playing the organ.



Shoravi Saleem celebrates her 8th birthday on October 18. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Sherief Alfonse Takla celebrates his 7th birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Sherief goes to the Gulf English School and likes swimming and painting.



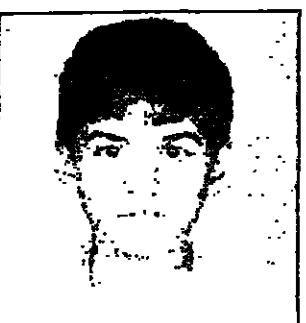
Muthu Raman Raman celebrates his birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, cousin Ravi and friends. Muthu goes to the Indian School and likes playing karate.



Muthu Ilkuvan Raman celebrates his birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, cousin Ravi and friends. Muthu goes to the Indian School and likes collecting cartoons.



Mohammed Padrawala celebrates his 7th birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Mohammed goes to the New Indian School and enjoys reading.



Jerry Clement Vaz celebrated his 12th birthday on October 16. Belated greetings from family, parents and friends. Jerry goes to the Indian School and likes cycling and watching TV.



Maninder Singh Chadda celebrates his 9th birthday on October 18. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Maninder goes to the Carmel School and likes reading.



Nihaad Huda celebrates her 4th birthday today, October 17. Happy birthday from parents, Tehzeeb Fahd and friends. Nihaad loves drawing pictures and stories.

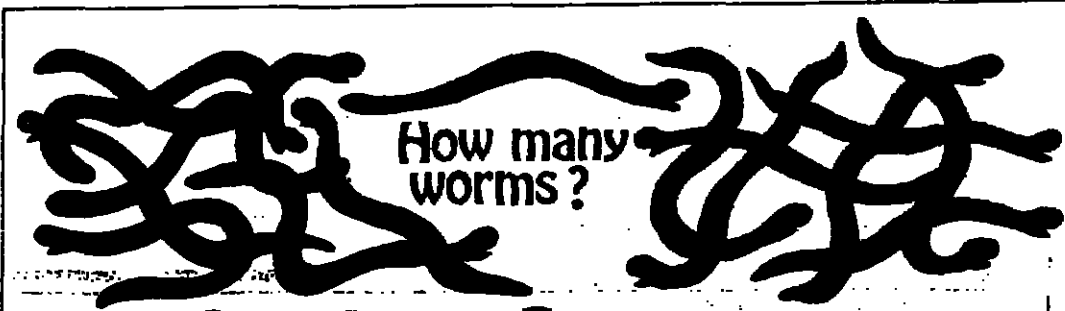
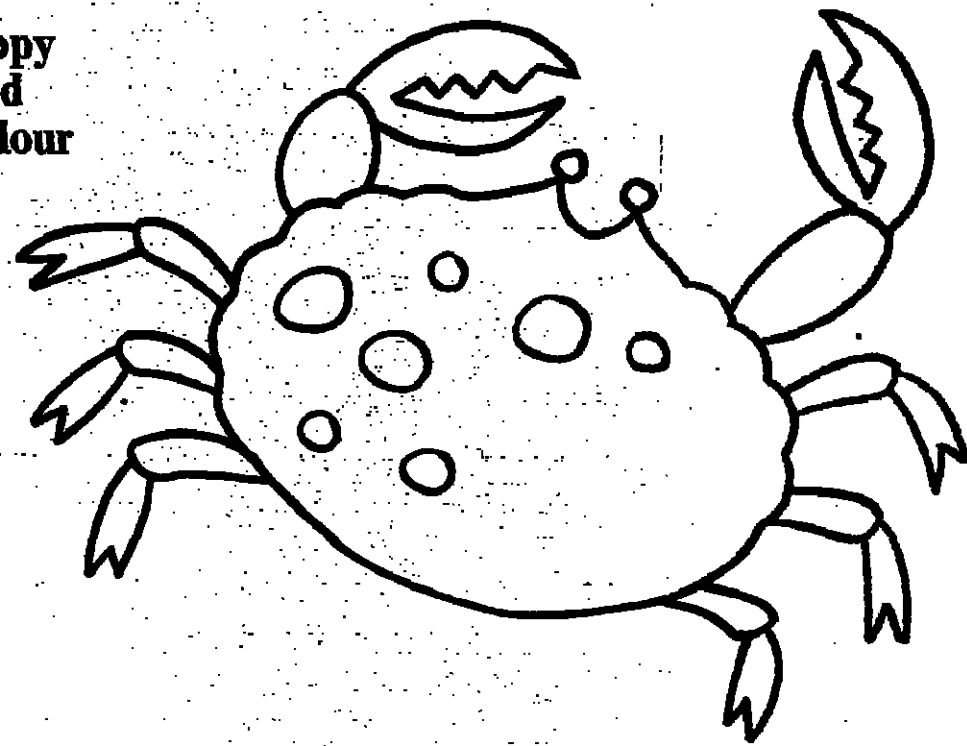


Baba Michael Fernandes celebrated his first birthday on October 15. Belated greetings from mum, dad, grandmothers, uncles, aunts and cousins.

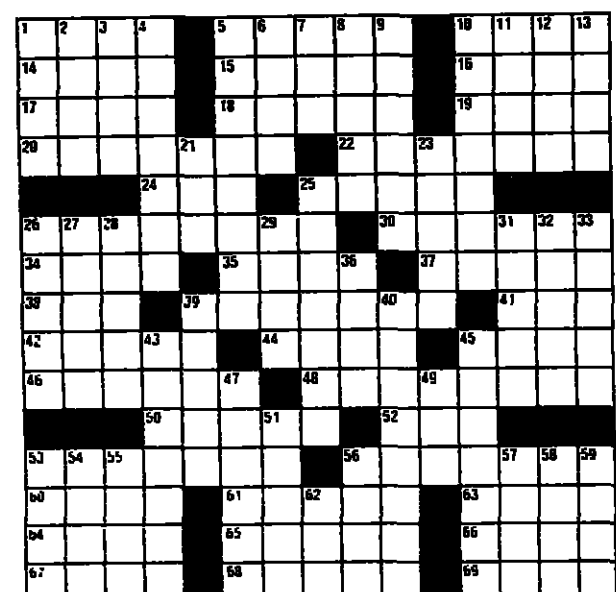


Joyce Christian celebrated her 6th birthday on October 15. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Joyce goes to the United Indian School and likes drawing and cycling.

Copy and colour



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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5 Small bay
10 Styles of the hour
14 Having wings
15 Watered silk
16 Of the ears
17 Persian fairy
18 Boat or bike starter
19 Uncas's beloved
20 A small bit
22 Jeweller's chisel
24 Always in poetry
25 Has an overabundance
26 Fade gradually
30 Margin for error
34 Pub missile
35 Stately trees
37 Ancient Roman official
38 Brooklyn follower
39 Musical arranger
41 Underworld god
42 Former Thai coin
44 Nighttime sign
45 Dancer Kelly
46 Frigates
48 Boat's rope ladders
50 Gauche
52 Actor Holbrook
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13 Isolated rock
21 —whiz!
23 Arabian ruler
25 These sometimes fly?
26 Prepares for publication
27 Prophetic
28 Tropical palm
29 Scottish family group
31 Enlarge in a way
32 Skirt style
33 Affirmative answers
36 Greek portico
39 Warning sound
40 Excited about
43 Shopping areas
45 Applying gold paint
47 Fries lightly
49 Anc. language
51 Small food fish
53 Cuts wood
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55 Latvian seaport
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57 Molding type
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
RIDICULOUS, BUT SUBLIME

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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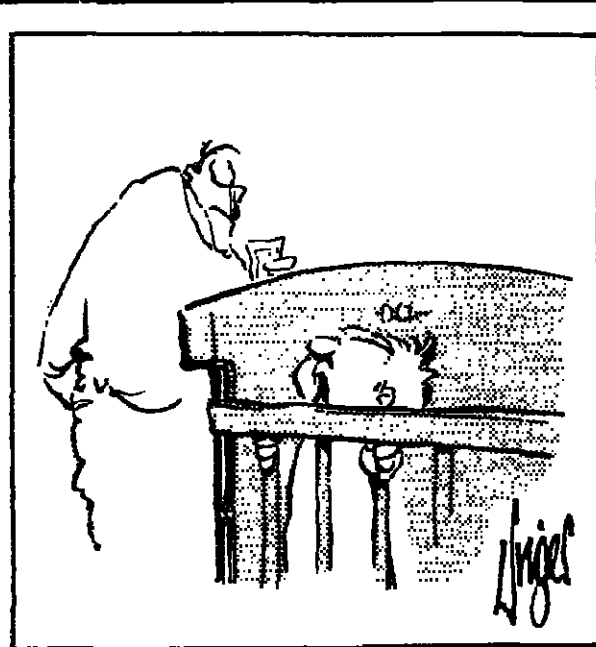
Opening lead: Four of
Even at the highest levels, players reach silly contracts. But you never know what might happen if you can play the spots off the cards. This deal is from the Czechoslovakia vs. Poland match at the recent European Championships.
North-South were using Canape, a method where the shorter of two

suits is bid first. Thus, South's first two bids showed longer spades than hearts. Thereafter, the bidding was natural if a trifle too optimistic.

The diamond lead put a crimp in declarer's chances—it knocked out a dummy entry before it could serve a useful purpose. It seemed that, even if hearts were to break 3-3, declarer had only 12 tricks—five trumps, four hearts and the three minor-suit winners. But Dame Fortune was smiling on the Czechs.

Declarer won the first trick in dummy, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. Next, a diamond to the table's remaining high honor was the entry for another club ruff. Then the king of hearts was used as an entry to ruff dummy's last club, this time with the king of spades.

After cashing the ace of trumps declarer led his remaining trump and boldly finessed the board's ten. When that held and East followed, only one more hurdle remained to be crossed. The outstanding trump was drawn and the ace and queen of hearts were cashed. When that suit broke evenly, declarer had 13 tricks—three trumps, three club ruffs, four hearts and three minor winners.



"Wouldn't I get faster service if I slept in your room?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Everything appears to be taking longer, could it be that you are simply permitting yourself to be distracted? You should persevere instead of giving up all too soon. Pay more attention to your appearance.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Do not let others wait too long before you reply to their letters. You will have a good idea but it may be a little premature. Do not expect others to do what you would like them to. Be sincere.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will make good progress with a personal matter. Something you have been trying to learn will now become easier for you. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be patient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Work hard but do allow yourself a little leisure time. Make sure you do not overexert yourself, but do not be lazy either. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will find out why something you have tried to do has been going wrong. You will be able to do something to make up for a past mistake. Do not lose your temper particularly not with a rather violent person. Be more cautious.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Make sure there is no conflict between what you say to one and to another person. And if you have changed your mind do not be slow admitting it. You will be able to do something that will please your partner. Be considerate.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will not find it easy to keep a promise but keep it if you must. The solution to a problem is not where you are looking for it. Do not be opposed to all changes. Be generous.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Do not try to face two ways at once. Make sure you get enough exercise but do not overstrain yourself. Do not allow your affections to stray. Be determined.



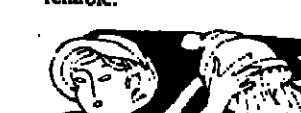
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Think a little more before deciding on what to do. And do not ignore other people's opinions. An obstacle will not be as formidable as it first appeared. Be helpful.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You are more liable to make mistakes so be on the lookout for them. Your lucky numbers are 34 and 14. You will find it easier to learn than you have done recently. Take good care of your health and hygiene. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should avoid allowing yourself to be taken in by advertising. The solution to a problem is not where you are looking for it. Have just a little more faith in yourself. Be tactful.

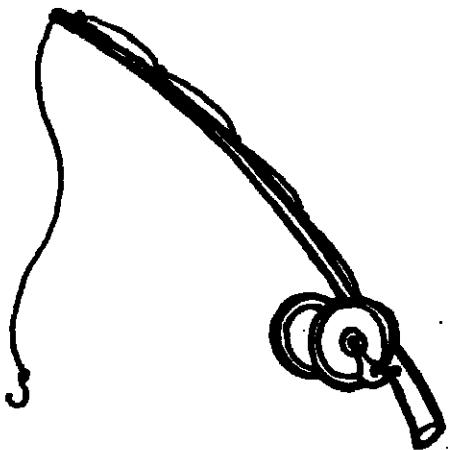


Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

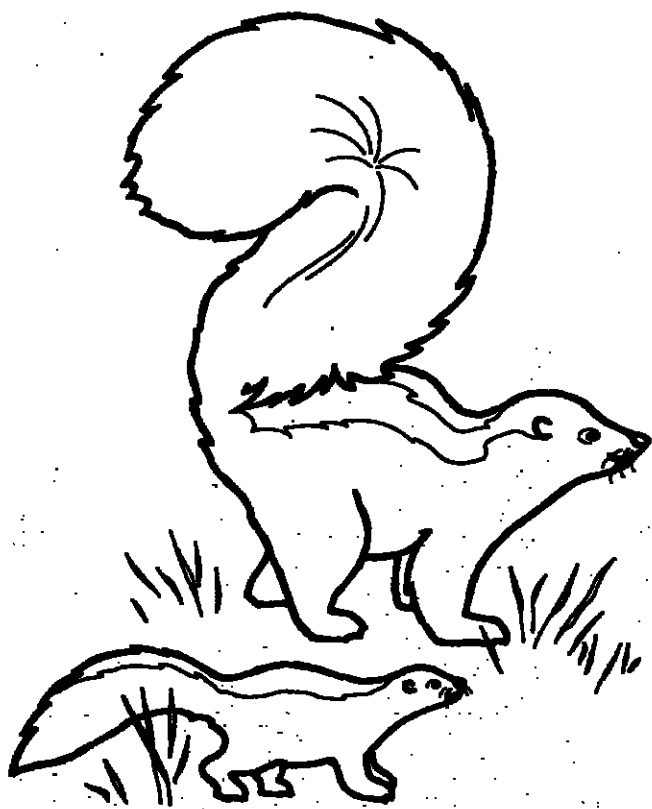
You will be able to do something to your liking but you will also have to do something you do not like so much. You should try to stay on good terms with your colleagues. Do not be a chatterbox and do not believe gossip. Be flexible.

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Put a little fish on the end of the pole.
Draw some water under the fish.



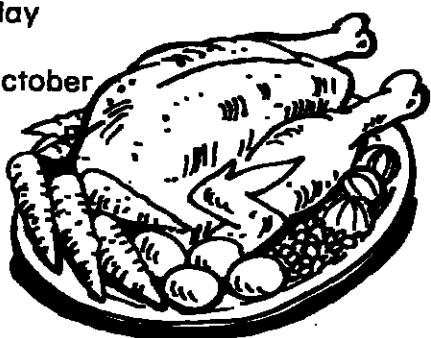
Colouring time



When Does It Happen?

Directions: Draw a line from the holiday in Column A to the month in Column B when that holiday occurs. Use these pairs to solve the message. Place the letter of the pair in the box below the number. A letter may be used more than once.

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| 1. Christmas Day | a. July |
| 2. Thanksgiving Day | b. February |
| 3. Halloween | c. April |
| 4. Mother's Day | e. November |
| 5. All Fools' Day | i. December |
| 6. Valentines Day | r. January |
| 7. New Year's Day | s. May |
| 8. Independence Day | t. October |



MESSAGE

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Dear Junior readers,

I bet you all know what is on October 31, don't you? Yes, it's Halloween! The eve of All Saint's Day. A couple of hotels in Kuwait are holding Halloween parties which should be really great fun! If you plan to go to trick-or-treating, make sure you do not get into too much trouble... not only will you spoil your evening but also everybody else's. Trick-or-treat is meant to be fun not a nuisance!

If you knock on a door twice and nobody answers, do not insist that somebody opens and start banging... just go on to the next flat. It would also be wise to get a sack which can be hung around the shoulders, made. This will be very useful when you are given handfuls of sweets... carrying a bag full of sweets in your hands can get very uncomfortable.

Manal

The school trip

By Julie Hodgson

ALL the boys and girls got ready for the school trip, to the zoo in Kuwait. Some had not seen it before, so they were looking forward to it. There were twenty children to go on the trip: ten boys and ten girls.

"Now class, when I call your first name out, I want you to get onto the bus" said the teacher.

"Right girls first. Faye, Arwa, Sarah, Bidoor, Sandra, Haleema, Shagufa, Sayyeda, Nora and Niti." All the girls upon hearing their name got onto the bus and waited for the boys.

"Boys, line up, there" directed the teacher.

Samuel, Nabeel, Franzil, Lester, Mehul, Joseph, Abizar, Nabil, Ramy, and Abdulla, were the boys names. They all got onto the bus, making sure the children were sitting properly, and NOT standing. It took the bus driver

twenty minutes to get to the zoo. Upon arrival, the class stood and waited for the teacher to get tickets for them.

The children followed the teacher around the zoo. There were so many animals and birds and really big elephants. The keeper was feeding the elephant, when the children got there. "Do you know the elephant can eat six carrots all at once, and also four apples together as well." The children could not believe their eyes.

Next they saw an emu. This bird could not fly, but it could run, it had very long legs. The bird cages had lovely parrots in them, red, green, and yellow all mixed, what a lovely sight thought the children. After they saw the reptiles, the big cats, the teacher let them run on the park, for a while, and have a drink and a sandwich. The teacher sat under the shade of a big tree beside the park.



After they had seen, leopards, lions, tigers, monkeys, giraffes, birds, swans, ducks, and just about every thing that would catch their eye, they headed back for the bus.

"Now children, I would like it very much if you could draw some of the animals or birds you have seen today" asked the teacher. As the bus drove the school children home, they were all quiet, do YOU know why???

They were all wondering which animal or bird to choose for their drawing. Which one would you choose?????

Word search

If you like to watch famous people blunder, make mistakes, and still be paid a lot of money for it — then this show is for you.

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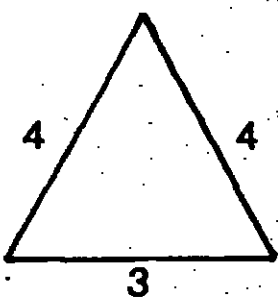
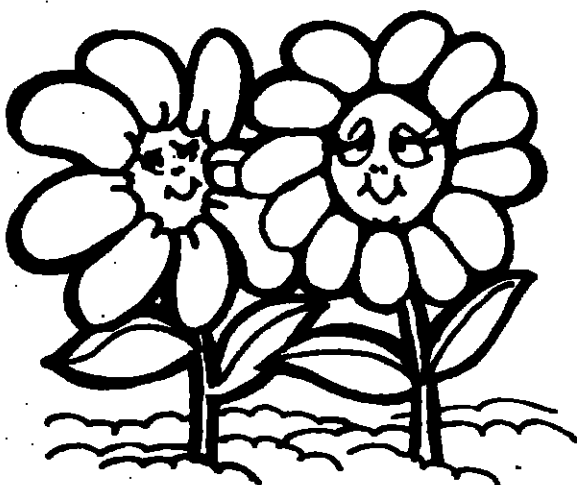
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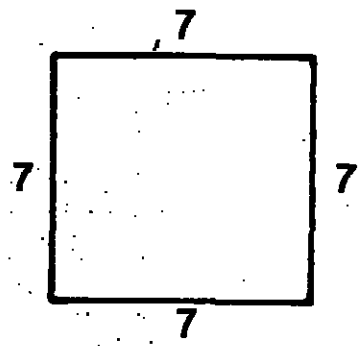
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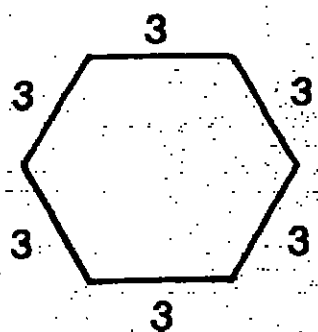
The gardening group meets every Saturday. Today they are discussing different shapes for gardens. They need to find the perimeter of each shape. The perimeter is found by measuring the sides of the shape and adding the lengths together. Find the perimeter of each shape below.



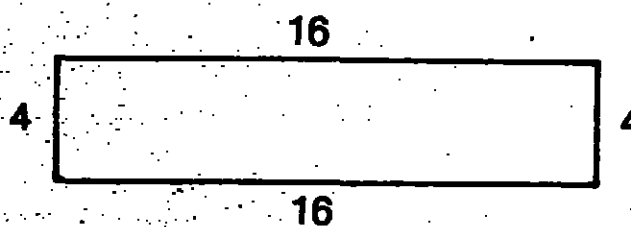
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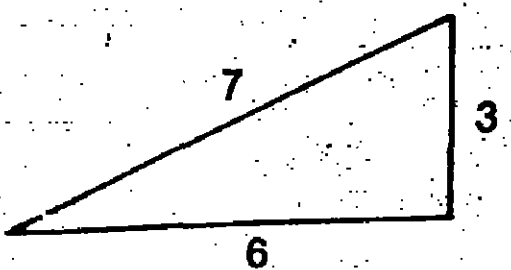
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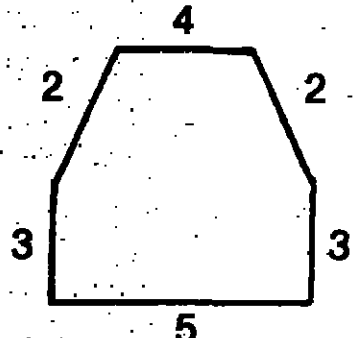
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4. perimeter is _____



5. perimeter is _____



6. perimeter is _____

Just for laughs!

Then after that they'll have a dabble in the transfer market. See if they can't buy a ref.

One thing's for certain, they're not going to get a new sweeper.

At least not until they can afford a new dustbin.

"Did you hear about the Russian snooker champion?"

"No, who was he?"

"Inoff the Red."

I've just heard that Arsenal are going to get a new coach. It's a 52-seater with a toilet at the back.

"There was this runner, who ate three tins of baked beans before a race, and then ran the fastest 100 yards in history."

The Boogie Monster

The Boogie Monster scares away all the creatures in the forest. Can you spot him? Colour him in, then colour in his surroundings.



Where is the boogie monster hiding?

Amazing facts

The Potter Wasp makes a vase-like nest of clay. It then hangs the egg inside on a thread and the 'vase' is stocked with a caterpillar on which the larva will feed.

The Japanese spider crab has legs which can span over 12 feet.

Is your birthday to come soon?

Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?

Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!

Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them. The details we need are:

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

School: _____

Hobbies: _____

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EVENTS



Director Murnau

German film festival

CLASSIC German movies from the silent era of film-making will be shown at a festival opening tonight. It will be inaugurated by West German ambassador to Kuwait.

It has been organised by Kuwait Cine Club. Cine Club director Farouk Abdul Aziz said the festival features films showing some of the most remarkable developments in cinema in the early 1920s and 1930s. The development of cinematic techniques, and approach to the medium, got a fillip in the era. The development of cinema as art will be the main feature of the festival, focussing on the Silent Movie Era.

Some of the films that will be shown during the two weeks festival are Market in

Berlin, Nosferatu, Faust, Testament of Dr Mabuse, The Puppet, Secrets of a Soul, The Blue Angel and Vogeleed Castle.

Market in Berlin, Wilfried Bosse's study of a Berlin marketplace is considered to be one of the finest silent movies of the 1920s.

Nosferatu, a classic horror film, is based on Bram Stoker's novel, Dracula. It traces the advent of the dreaded vampire, who vanishes when a woman prevents his return to the grave.

Faust, adapted from Goethe's and Marlowe's work, is said to have perfected "light and movement." A controversial venture, it nevertheless won wide critical acclaim.

The Testament of Dr Mabuse tells the story of a patient who hypnotises his doctor in a psychiatric hospital, through whom he plots to spread chaos in the land. The story has all the ingredients to make an engrossing cinema experience.

Director Ernst Lubitsch takes a light look at a young man who flees from society to avoid marriage in *The Puppet*, a comedy from the silent era.

Psycho-analysis, based on a case reported by Freud, forms the theme of *Secrets of a Soul*. In this film, a husband feels compelled to murder his wife.

The Blue Angel, an adaptation of Professor Unruh, by Heinrich Mann, set the mood for realistic cinema. The fine plot

and was composed brilliantly around the conflict of a class society.

German Director P.W. Murnau, who is said to have influenced the work of Alfred Hitchcock, directed *Vogeleed Castle*. A suspense film, it tells the story of a man who tries to prove his innocence, in the process he finds the real killer and makes him confess.

All the films will be shown at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry at 7.30 pm starting today, October 17. Movies will not be screened on the weekend. Children are not permitted. A full programme and entry passes can be obtained from the Cine Club, behind Indian Embassy, Bneid Al Qar.



Xios Ferato



KTV 1

MORNING PERIOD

- 9.30 The opening and holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Khair news and variety
- 10.00 Around the World: cartoon serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.30 Al Qhaba: Arabic Serial (part 2)
- 11.30 Sabah Al Khair news and variety
- 11.40 Taaleel: Beduin serial, starring Shayesh Al Noaimi, Othman Al Shamayli and Ibrahim Abu Al Khir
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.37 Holy Quran and closedown

EVENING PERIOD

- 4.00 The opening and holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite
- 4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: cartoon serial (part 18)
- 5.15 You and Your Health, prepared by Dr Salem Mohammed, presented by Rashed Al Owaish
- 5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and official advertisements
- 6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical serial (part 17)
- 7.15 Sport Star: Sports programme (part 3), prepared by Metlaq Nassar, with guest star

- 7.55 Abdul Aziz Hasan. Made In Kuwait: Information Programme (part 3), prepared and presented by Dr Ali Al Damkhi
- 8.30 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Ahlan Ya Jeddo Al Aziz: Arabic serial (part 15)
- 10.35 Al Fanan wa Ray Al Akharen: Variety programme with show guest Hasan Abdeen, presented by Dawlat Shawqi
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 The World Today via satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening announcement and holy Quran
- 6.10 Diplodoss: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Professor Cobster: 'Bridges'
- 7.00 The Franchise: 'Affair'. Robert fights to prove the innocence of Marion, the woman he loves, and to uncover the astonishing truth behind the Franchise Affair.
- 7.30 Fishing The West Bow River Trout: A look at fishing on Canadian Rocky mountain's rivers.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law.

8.45 Morning Star, Evening Star: 'Taking A Chance In Love'

- 9.30 Discover: Sports science expert, Sergi Aleshinsky, teaching young ice skaters new techniques.
- 10.30 Murphy's Law: 'Do Some One a Favour'
- 11.30 News in Brief
- 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Art
A SIX week - 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon, October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week - eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Navelam Youth Centre
NOV 16: A annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom - Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex - 2426334, Mr Marian - 2416945

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to

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Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884, 2434776, 56291-41 4310913 after 5 pm.

Deep Dwell
OCT 19, at 7.00 pm: Indian Arts Circle, Funniest. Organised by Satkhar, a musical evening with dances, songs and a brief comedy drama, to celebrate the festival of lights - Deepawali. For invitation cards, contact: Rajpal Tyagi, 5623545; Pushpender Sharma, 5620810.

Carnatic Music
"Carnatic Music by Shri Maharajapuram Santhanam: The Music Performance will be held on 17th October 1989 at Indian Embassy Hall auditorium at 7.30 pm. For collecting your entry passes, please contact: 4898891, 5627718, 5631230, 5612114, 3920820, 3718353."

British Council

Woody Woodpecker and His Friends: Wednesday, Oct 18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 19 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buzz Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

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Jazz Night

OCT 18: Jazz Night, featuring June Woolston (vocals), at Messilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal, at 8 pm. Also features Highspirits with Jack (tenor, sax). For further details call 5640981.

Daniella BBQ

OCT 19: 7 pm. Daniella starts social season with BBQ Evening at the Gazelle Club. For reservations please call Karen-Marie - 3715146; or Winnie - 5733382 before Oct 17.

Condolence meeting

A condolence meeting will be held on Oct 19, Thursday at 6.00 pm in the premises of Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait, by the Shatadal cultural group for the late famous singer Hemania Mukherjee and the distinguished litterateur Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal. A cultural function will follow the programme. All are cordially invited.

Flaskik's Halloween

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flaskik) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridian Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flaskik friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flaskik enjoins the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait. The proceeds of Halloween

night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flaskik which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here.

Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flaskik friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson's look-alike in the best-selling movie - "Thriller". Flaskik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flaskik Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flaskik supporters. Tickets are available at K.D 5 in various outlets: Bobby's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Good Hand Restaurant and Durrani International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flaskik Pro Rose Formantes, VeeP Chary Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo Tel. 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RCR Ruiz, Tel. 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel. 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dungo Tel. 5313700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel. 4572549.

Breeze 89

Trivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Palestinian exhibition

THE General Union of Palestinian Women will hold the 13th general exhibition in the Special Hall, International Fair Ground, on Tuesday, Oct 24, 6-9 pm. The exhibition will also be open on Oct 25 (10 am to 1 pm; 4.30 to 8.30 pm) and Oct 26 (10 am to 1 pm; 3 to 8 pm). All are welcome.

British Council

Storytelling session: Oct 26. The British Council will hold a story-telling session on Thursday at 10.30 am. Children of all nationalities, aged 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the magic of books.

The Education Information Office will be open on Oct 21 and 22 will give detailed information about training in Britain in hotel and catering; hair-dressing, secretarial studies, beauty therapy and other courses.

Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel. New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus at 4348218.

Ladies International League

THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of

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THE words "modern jazz" mean different things to different people," says Malc Walker "but for those born before the sixties, and in my case just before 1942, jazz was divided into 3 categories to those who knew about these things - or thought they did - they were Traditional, Mainstream or Be-Bop and Modern.

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This Wednesday's jazz night at messilah is designed to go some way to redress this insidious swing towards banality.

"There is a whole world of difference between what beats and what swings" says band leader and

drummer Phil Thomas, who with Malc Walker on piano and Oliver Sequeira on base provide a rich mainstream/Be-bop rhythm section to back the fine Tenor Sax play from guest instrumentalist and old timer Jack Buob.

Young music teacher Keith Price on trumpet, now well hooked into the past, takes his place in the line up and the lovely June Woolston, well known for her many appearances in musicals and rock concerts in Kuwait as well as for her broad approach to the teaching of music, applies her undoubted talents in new and brilliant style with some well known jazz vocals.

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See what's on for details.



Malcolm Walker



Phil Thomas



June Woolston

other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL. Attend the informal and fun monthly meetings and join in the social events and activities.

Upcoming events: New-

comers meeting: October 30 1989 Surra - For further information please phone Neera, 3914303 or Dianne, 5335598

Bazaar: November 2 1989 (Kuwait International Hotel) Safat Room.

1st 'Big' meeting: November 6, 1989 (Kuwait Regency Palace) Al-Bida' Room.

Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL.

Ladies International League Bazaar: to be held Thursday, Nov 2 at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room, from 10 am to 6 pm. Come and buy han-

dicrafts from all over the world. Also, items and Al Assaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) will be there. Raffle and door prizes.

Narthana

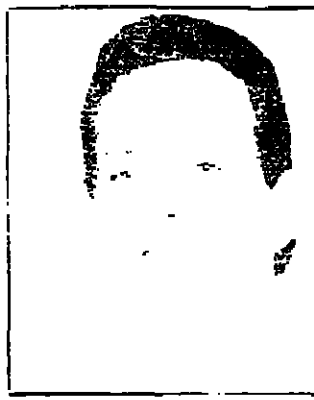
AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel. 4337608/2425131, 3904817/24-61589, 5643126.

Special greetings

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SPORTS

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Giants for
2-0 lead

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 16, (Reuters): Giants manager Roger Craig, the guru of the split-fingered fastball, has seen the popularity of the pitch come back to haunt him as another Oakland hurler used it yesterday to give the A's a 2-0 World Series lead.

Mike Moore, who began throwing the hard-dropping pitch just this season, stopped San Francisco on four hits as he combined with two relievers in a 5-1 victory that brought Oakland within two wins of a World Series celebration.

The best-of-seven series resumes tomorrow night as San Francisco's Candlestick Park. "Give credit to the Oakland pitchers. One guy has a better split-finger than the next one," said Craig, who promoted the deceptive delivery during his reign as pitching coach of the Detroit Tigers in the early 1980s.

On Saturday, Dave Stewart mixed in his split-finger, or fork ball, to advantage in a 5-0 shutout in the series opener.

Terry Steinbach gave Moore all the support he needed. The catcher's line drive shot into the leftfield stands off loser Rick Reuschel accounted for three runs in a four-run uprising in the fourth inning that snapped a 1-1 tie.

Struggle

From the point on the Giants had just one hit as the club that scored the second-most runs in the National League this season continued to struggle.

"The split-finger meant a lot tonight," Moore said of the pitch thrown with the index and middle fingers spread across the ball.

"Early on I had problems mechanically and had no confidence in my fastball," he said. "I used it (the split-finger) a lot."

Moore, who joined the A's as a free agent this season after seven seasons with the hapless Seattle Mariners, developed the pitch under the tutelage of Oakland pitching coach Dave Duncan.

"I started throwing it on the sidelines this year and didn't start using it until about six or seven starts into the season," Moore said. The pitch helped him to post a career best 19-11 record with a sparkling earned run average of 2.61.

"The bottom line is that their starting pitching has been outstanding," Craig said.

"One run in two games," he lamented. "You're not going to win too many games like that."

Oakland jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first when Rickey Henderson walked, stole second and then scored home on Carney Lansford's double down the rightfield line.

The Giants tied it up — and ended a World Series scoreless streak of 23 innings dating back to 1962 — with a run in the third when Jose Uribe scored on Robby Thompson's sacrifice fly to centre.

Scheduled

A double by Dave Parker, just inches short of clearing the rightfield wall, scored Jose Canseco for the first run of Oakland's fourth-inning spurt. A walk to Dave Henderson then set the stage for Steinbach's clinching homer.

Scheduled to start in game three tomorrow are Bob Welch for the A's, 17-8, against San Francisco's Don Robinson, 12-11.

As many as three games are scheduled for Candlestick before a return to Oakland Coliseum if a sixth or seventh game is needed.

Two more wins by the A's, however, end it. Parker said he expected the Giants to be tough in their park. "They're going to come out and bring it right to us," he said.

The stylish Parker broke into a home run trot as he admired the flight of his fourth-inning shot before turning on the speed as the ball fell short of the stands and remained in play.

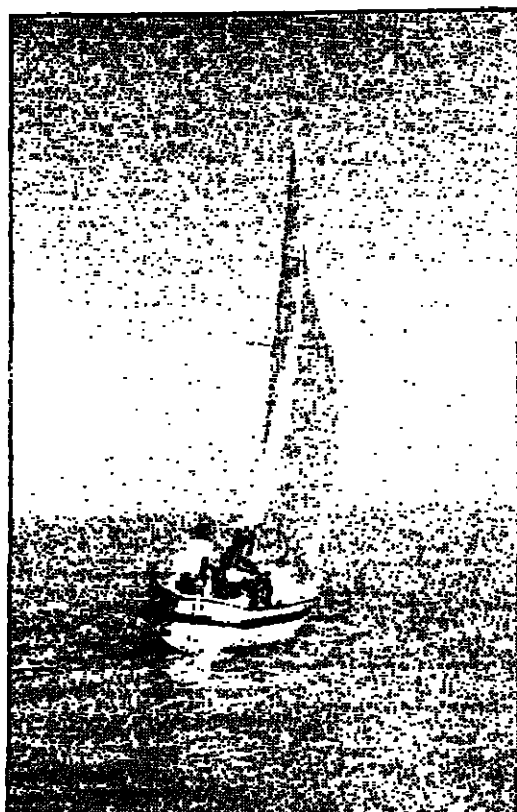
Asked why he got a slow start on his run-scoring double, Parker betrayed his optimism.

"I knew this was my last game, so I was savouring the moment," he said.

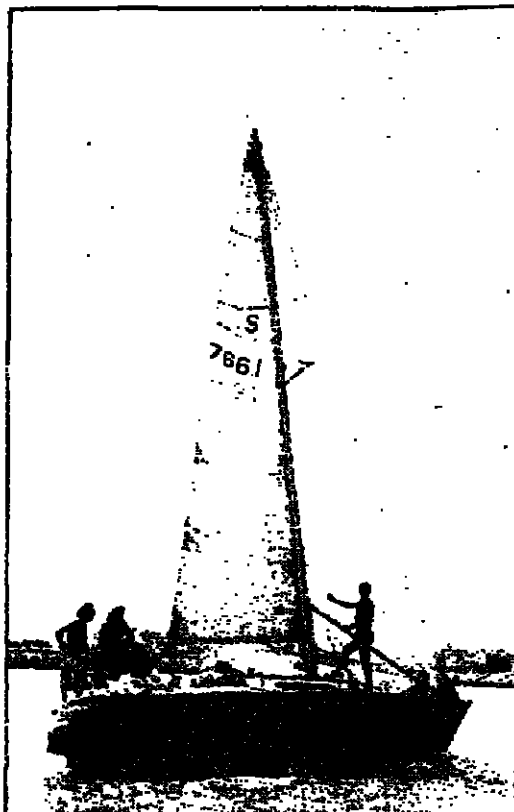
Precedent now weighs against the Giants' capturing their first World Series championship in 35 years as teams jumping out to a 2-0 series lead have gone on to win 29 of 39 times.

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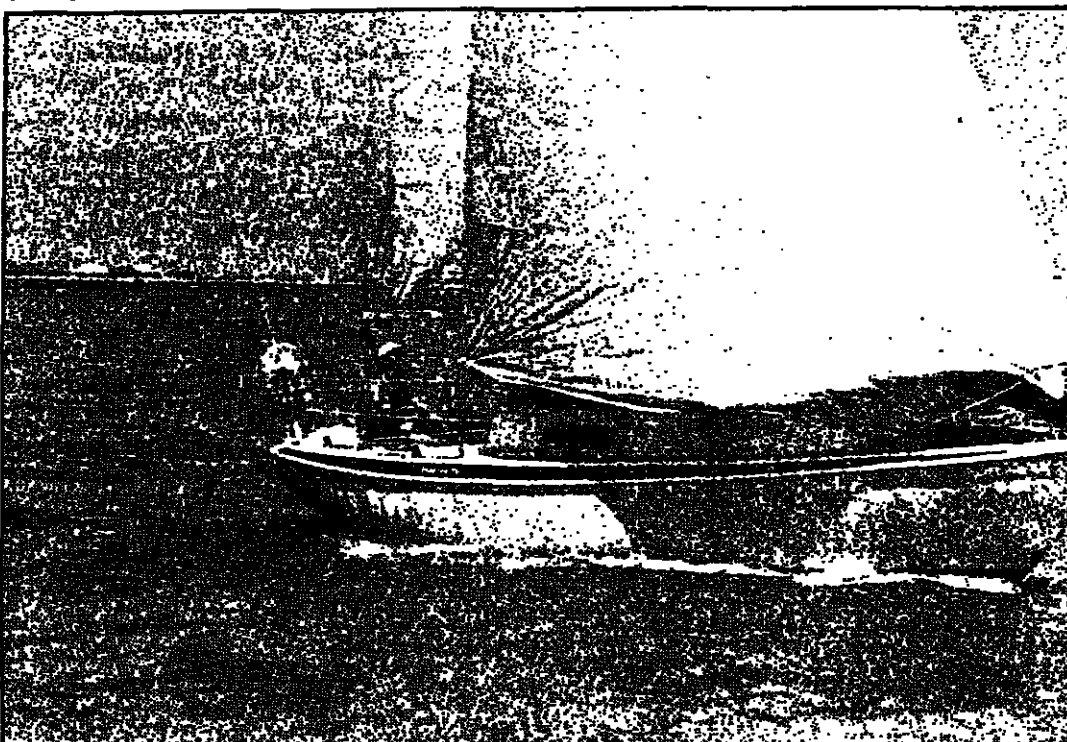
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Good Kompany: impressive performances by new owners



Red Viking: second Class 1 and second overall



Why Not: sailed a good race to finish first in Class 2

THE Kosa Week Series commenced on Thursday with the staging of two short distance Cans races. The morning race, KW1, was won in convincing fashion by the UASC yacht Danat. It sailed a very professional race to claim Line Honours and First Place on Handicap.

The day's activities were soured however, when the afternoon race KW2 was unable to be completed because the wind died away during the seventh and penultimate leg.

Strong winds earlier in the week and Thursday morning breezes of 12 to 15 knots set the scene for what promised to be a vigorous day's sailing.

Seven boats entered KW1: four in class 1 (above 30 ft in length) and three in class 2 (below 30 ft in length). The course was set as a triangle/sausage/triangle.

Good Kompany (24ft), under new owners Dec and Lis Manion, made a breathtaking start by powering over the line on Port tack between the much bigger Danat (40ft) and Gambit (32ft). She sailed an excellent first leg, beating to the windward mark and rounding in second place behind Danat.

Red Viking, which did not enjoy a great start, pegged back ground and with her spinnaker flying, soon sailed past Gambit on the second leg. Good Kompany dropped back down the field because being short-handed a spinnaker could not be hoisted.

Danat continued to maintain her supremacy by increasing her lead to 15 minutes at the ODM mark. Gambit managed to overhaul Shammal and converged on ODM with Red Viking.

The battle for honours in class 2 saw Good Kompany fighting it out with Magic Flute which was sailing a greatly improved race. Why Not was not enjoying one of her better races and, surprisingly, trailed the former two boats by a considerable margin.

The final 5 legs (sausage/triangle) were completely dominated by Danat. Her "old team", led by skipper Philip Shepherd and helmsman Patrick Berry had returned for Thursday's race; it was obvious that their past familiarity with the boat and their high skill levels had a lot to do with Danat winning KW1 by a huge 30 minute margin (elapsed time 2 hrs 5 mins).

Red Viking had sailed another fine race to cross the line in second

place, 4 minutes in front of Gambit.

Magic Flute led the class 2 boats to the final wind mark but failed to round in a dying breeze. This allowed Good Kompany to move ahead and charge to the finish line. Unfortunately, desperately rotten luck resulted in her hitting the ODM finish mark and being subsequently disqualified. Meanwhile, Why Not had overcome a 10 minute deficit to pass Magic Flute at wind and sail to finish and claim first place in class 2.

KW1 Handicap corrected places — Overall: 1. Danat 2. Red Viking 3. Gambit.

The same course was set for the afternoon race which began in fresh and dusty 15 knot breezes. Good Kompany, continuing her impressive start, crossed the line with Danat beating down on her. Red Viking, which forced Gambit to miss the line, began aggressively and served notice that she was out for a win.

Danat was followed around the windward mark by Red Viking and then Shammal. Strengthening winds resulted in all boats heeling appreciatively under spinaker during the shy reach leg. Gambit lost her guy and was forced to pull down her spinnaker which had flown astern.

Danat rounded ODM with a good lead that indicated she may take out the race on handicap. However, on the beat to windward she ran aground while on the inshore starboard tack. Being somewhat fortunate, after about 20 minutes, she was able to take advantage of a flood tide and free herself.

Over the next two legs, the breeze progressively dropped and the order became Danat, Red Viking, Gambit and Shammal. About three quarters of the way down the second last leg, the breeze died out, preventing the lead boat from completing the race within the prescribed three hour time limit.

The race for class 2 was a close affair with Why Not and Good Kompany vying for supremacy throughout the afternoon. Magic Flute was performing quite well, being about 1 minute behind. To complete the day's hazards, Good Kompany also ran aground and lost its close dual with Why Not.

However, all these happenings amounted to nothing because shortly the race was cut tailed.

KU and Eagles remain undefeated

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY and the Eagles remained the only unbeaten KISL teams October 13, both racking up their second victory of the young season, while Kay and the UAS teachers picked up their first wins. In the busy second week end, KU romped past the FHWA Falcons, 22-6. Kay buried the All-Japan Bazookas, 44-1; the Eagles topped a scrappy UAS team, 13-3; and in a make-up game, the UAS teachers mercied the Bazookas, 20-3, in five innings.

In game 1, KU got 21 hits to swamp FHWA. Both teams scored five runs in the first inning, but KU got six more in the second to the Falcons' one. KU then scored in every inning while pitcher Mike Anderson held FHWA scoreless the rest of the way. KU hitting was led by Ed Smith's homer and three singles. Dave Checkie (five singles), Jassim Yahia (three singles), Karl Anderson and Jim Thomas. RBI leaders were K. Anderson, 5; Thomas, 4; and Yahia and Doug

Clark, 2 each.

The Falcons scored in the first when Wetzel walked and, after two were out, Jorgensen singled. Cloud walked, KISL president Lubin Quinones singled home two, Symons walked and Ibad Elayan hit a bases-loaded triple to tie the game, 5-5. FHWA's other run came on singles from Mitchell and Van Rye and Bennett's sacrifice fly.

Kay and Associates got 35 hits in perhaps setting some KISL (and Guinness) records while demolishing the newly reconstituted all-Japan Bazookas in five innings. The Kay hit parade was led by Robbie Robinson's two homers, triple and single; pitcher Fritz Cameron's two doubles and two singles; Steve Diemler's single, triple and two doubles; Bob Nicholson's three singles and three doubles; Lee Ehret, who hit for the circuit with a single, triple, homer and two doubles; M. Hall's two doubles and single; Chuck's three singles, and Subash's three singles. RBI

leaders were Nicholson (11), Robinson (7), Ehret (5) and Diemler, Subash and M. Hall with four each. For All-Japan, cleanup hitter Saitoh doubled to the fence in the first to score Matsui with the Bazookas' only run.

The Eagles outbait UAS 16-9, getting ten of their runs in the first two innings to coast to victory. Winning pitcher Al Rodier held the teachers scoreless in five of seven innings, while UAS's John Dennis returned the favour in three of six innings. Both pitchers twice retired the opposing side in order.

The Eagles raced to a rapid six-run lead when the first six men all scored. Proctor and Jugar singled around an error to Jugar, Stombaugh and Alderman tripled, and Alan Burris capped the rally with a two-run homer. In the second, Jerry Anderson opened with a triple, Heaphy, Proctor and Jugar singled, Stombaugh doubled home one and

Alderman doubled home two more.

The Eagles' three-run rally in the fifth was highlighted by Alderman's triple and singles from Burris and Rick Anderson. John Healam batted in all three UAS runs with a single and double, bringing home Dave Lamb twice.

In the day's final game, UAS broke into the win column, humbling All-Japan on the mercy rule. The teachers had 19 hits, led by Bradt (3), Parker (2) Cook (4), Wood (2), John Dennis (3), and Rojeck (2). UAS scored three or more runs in every inning.

Big RBI guns were Cook (3) with a double, triple and two singles; Bradt (2); Perry (2) on a bases-loaded single; Lamb, with a three-run homer; Dennis (2); and Rojeck (3) with a double and triple. The Bazookas were led by coach Shimada with a double and single and two runs scored and Yase with a triple that brought in Hiyama who had singled.

Sheikh Nasser
to attend
Arab meeting

CAIRO, Oct. 16, (Kuna): Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Jaber arrived here this morning to participate in the twelfth session for the Arab Youth and Sports Ministerial Council session that will begin today.

Upon his departure from Kuwait this morning, Sheikh Nasser said that he was conveying the greetings of his Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah to the Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, government and people.

Speaking to Kuna, he pointed out that his Highness had enriched him with his directions on means of boosting youth and sports activities in the Arab nation.

The Kuwait official added that he also will convey the greetings of his Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah to the Egyptian leadership and people.

The social affairs minister stressed the importance of any Arab gathering which aims at strengthening relations and ties between people of the Arab nation.

Wednesday Darts League

MEE march on

THE second week's Kuwait Wednesday Darts League produced some excellent scoring, with 13 players earning high score awards. A needle match local derby in Mahboub saw MEE win for the second week running at the expense of rivals Absolutely.

Mike Durkin found himself the only winner in a 5-1 defeat, but did succeed in making 4 high scores, including two 140s and a check out of 109 to set an early lead in the Highest Finish Trophy.

John Morris was also on target securing his 140 for Middle Easterners. In the ladies match Absolutely came away with a highly creditable draw. June Finch leading her troops with 2MM trebles, but a 156 score by Mary Slattery helped last season's runners up save a point.

Has Beams made it two 5-1's in a row, brushing aside Shower of Tossers, despite Paul Coutie's lone effort and a 140 score. Lady Tossers were once again unmerciful in another resounding 4-0 win. A similar story for nobody's fools. Mugs Away, defeating Zero-Up to keep a 100 per cent record and once again it was left to Zero-Up's ladies to save the night for the home side.

Chaukers repeated last season's 3-3 score against Soweto Slingers, but Slingers repeated last year's unique feat of all four players hitting 140 in the same fixture.

Bull's Hitters produced a strong team performance to defeat Wearapeep, Mike Simms earning his 140 Trophy in a 1-2 loss to Nick Harvey who hit 3 high scores. Hilary Milne caused many a flutter in Tom Bennett's heart before going down to him 1-2 in the men's game, but helped captain John Watson admirably to win the deciding MK leg.

Grabbers and Nobsellers earned their first points in an entertaining draw as Terry McGuire hit his 140, though Nobsellers set off with winning ways in a 3-1 triumph. No beating around the bush by Four Play as they whipped Fintas Flyers in both matches, and Pacifists quietly earned all the points at home to Blackouts where Andy Keller and Mark Alexander both made 140 scores.

The full Kuwait Wednesday Darts League results were as follows, with ladies scores in brackets:

Soweto Slingers (2) 3 Chaukers (2) 3 Jabrnia Grabbers (1) 3 Nobsellers (3) 3

Shower of Tossers (4) 1 Has Beams (0) 5 Absolutely (2) 1 MEE (2) 5

Zero-Up (3) 1 Mugs Away (1) 5 Pacifists (4) 4 Blackouts (0) 2

Bull's Hitters (3) 4 Wearapeep (1) 2 Fintas Flyers (1) 0 Four Play (3) 6

New tennis coach at KIH

FRANK NOVAK is now the familiar face to be seen on the tennis courts of Kuwait International Hotel. He is a graduate of the Tyler Junior College, Texas (class of 1986-88) the first school in the world to confer a Recreation Degree in Tennis Teaching.

Frank has traversed the length and breadth of Canada and the United States coaching and playing tennis. In Europe he has

worked in a resort camp in the Italian Alps. Frank has been exposed to top teachers like Dennis van der Meer, Vic Braden and Peter Burwash and is certified with the United States Professional Tennis Association and the United States Professional Tennis Registry.

Frank sees tennis as a sport of a life time and has taught students aged 4 to 80 years.

Cantt, Meridien, New Pak and Falcon triumph

CANTT Cricket Club thrashed Asiatic Cricket Club (ACC) by five wickets in a friendly match at the Salmiya Old Ground on Friday.

Cantt skipper Shariq put ACC in to bat after winning the toss. ACC opened their innings through Ghulab and Abu Baker. Ghulab was back in the pavilion after facing one ball.

ACC were in more trouble soon when they lost two more wickets in the second over. Wickets kept falling at regular intervals with only Abu Baker (79) keeping his end intact. The only other batsman to reach the double figures was Sikander with 13 as ACC were all out for 133.

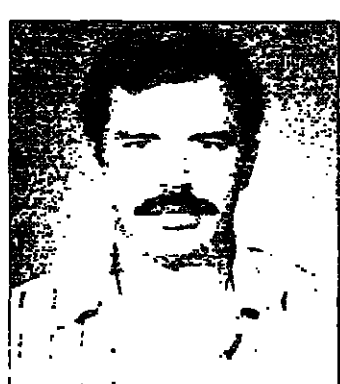
For Cantt, Abbas was the most successful bowler with five wickets for 17 in his five overs while Darryl took two for 18. The other wickets were taken by Shariq, Rizvi and Siraj.

Fayyaz and Abbas opened the innings for Cantt but the former was back in the pavilion almost immediately. Tahir joined Abbas but he also could not stay long and was out with the total only 17.

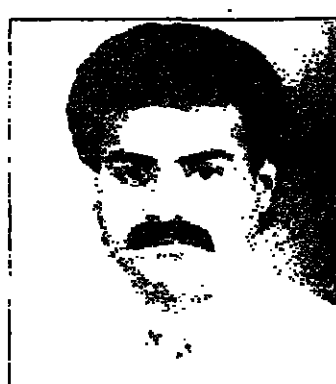
Siraj hit 30, Abbas 25 and Darryl remained unbeaten on 39 as Cantt went past the required target in 23 overs for the loss of only five wickets.

For ACC, Lucas and Bashir took two wickets each. Abbas took the Man of the Match award.

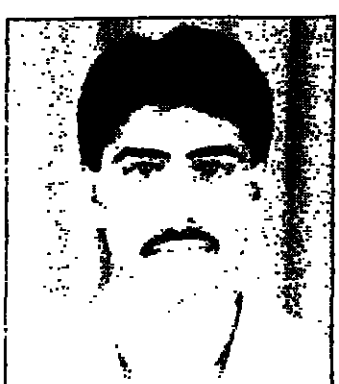
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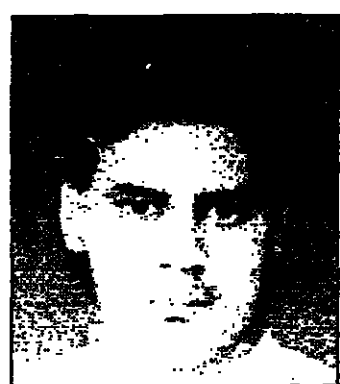
Mohammed Ali



Zahid Butt



Abbas



Pervaiz



Zaheer Sr

Meridien Cricket Club beat Farwaniya Cricket Club by seven wickets at the Church Grounds on Friday.

After winning the toss, Farwaniya opted to bat, but made a bad start and were soon in trouble and lost their first five wickets for only 40 runs.

However, Naeem put Farwaniya back into the game with a quick 39, scored with five boundaries. They managed to gather 125 runs in 24 overs before they were all out. Essan was the only other batsman who reached double figures.

On the other hand, Meridien bowled well and also displayed a good team spirit. Zaheer Sr bagged 3 wickets while Afzal and John got two each.

For Meridien both openers, Zaheer Jr and Zaheer Sr, put on 50 runs for the first wicket partnership. Zaheer Jr was bowled for 27 runs. Meridien lost two quick wickets, of Mirza and John, but Dev went into action and they made it through in just 17 overs. Zaheer Sr hit an unbeaten 62 runs and Dev 20, with two big hits.

New Pak also were on the winning side when they entered the semifinals of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy with a four wicket victory over Gold Stars at the KCL Ground on Thursday.

A brilliant all-round performance by Pervaiz and electrifying batting by Mohammed Ali produced a fine partnership of 101 runs which enabled New Pak to

score an easy win.

Gold Stars batted first and scored 181 runs for the loss of nine wickets by the end of the 27th over. Shahid was the top scorer with 57 runs while Waheed scored 38.

For New Pak, Sakshawat Ali was the most successful bowler with three wickets for 30 runs in six overs. Mohammed Ali and Tahir got two wickets each while Haleem and Ali got one wicket each.

In reply, New Pak lost two wickets for only 39 runs in six overs. Mohammed Ali joined opening batsmen Pervaiz, who was batting well. Both batsmen produced one of the most classic innings of the tournament, hammering all the bowlers at will and with tremen-

dous power all round the wicket to close in on the target with every passing over.

Mohammed Ali was first to go when he was bowled by Shahid. His individual score of 63 runs was studied with eight fours while Pervaiz scored 55 runs with four sixes and four fours. Ajmal and Ali scored 18 runs each. New Pak scored 183 in 25 overs.

For Gold Stars, Shahid took three wickets while Wassem got two and Jahangir one.

After the game, Rana Imtiaz Hussain Chohan, general manager of the New Pak Cricket Club gave away the prizes. Man of the Match award went to Mohammed Ali, skipper of New Pak Cricket Club.

And in the Indian Tea Board Trophy, Falcon Cricket Club defeated M.C.C. by 41 runs on Friday morning at the EPI ground.

After winning the toss, Falcon club batted first and scored 202 runs for 6 wickets in 27 overs. Skipper Zahid Butt scored 68 quick runs (4 fours and 2 sixes), Sajid 32, Adnan 25, and G. Haider played his consecutive fourth not out innings and scored 45.

For M.C.C. Maqbool, Farhat, Tariq and Khaled got one wicket each.

M.C.C. replied with 161 for 8 wickets in 27 overs. Farhat scored 28, Maqbool 42, Mustafa 26, and Saif 12. Bowling honours for Falcons were shared by Zahid Butt 3 for 25, and Sarfraz 2 for 29 runs.

Minister to
inaugurate
tournament

PAKISTAN'S Minister of Communications, Makhdoom Amin Fahim is coming to Kuwait to inaugurate the Bhutto Memorial Cricket Trophy. The minister was nominated by Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to attend the event, according to an announcement made by Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesr.

This newly instituted cricket trophy is sponsored by Pakistan Peoples Club Cricket League (GCL) at the EPI grounds.

Evergreen will meet Mogul Cricket Club (MCC) on Friday in the opening match of this tournament, which comprises eight leading teams of Kuwait. Both teams have been asked to be at the grounds at 8.30 am as the match will commence at 9.00 am. Peter and Fayyaz will be the umpires.

A special feature of this tournament is that the participating teams are allowed to bring in players of Test or first-class status from Pakistan, India or Sri Lanka to replace them in any of their matches.

Gretzky breaks Howe's record

EDMONTON, Alberta, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Wayne Gretzky provided appropriate heroics yesterday and lived up to his nickname of "The Great One" when he surpassed Gordie Howe's National Hockey League (NHL) all-time scoring record.

Returning to the scene of his greatest triumphs, Gretzky had two goals and an assist including the game winner for the Los Angeles Kings against the Edmonton Oilers in sudden-death overtime to shatter Howe's long-standing mark of 1,850 career points.

Gretzky, who led the Oilers to four Stanley Cup championships in nine seasons before being traded to the Kings last year, tied Howe's mark in the first period when he assisted on a goal by Bernie Nicholls.

Gretzky backhanded a shot high into the Edmonton net behind goalie Bill Ranford to level the game 4-4 late in the third period for his 1,851st point and he added the winning goal against his old teammates in overtime.

Howe was among a sell-out crowd of more than 17,000 at Northlands Coliseum that went wild when the red light flashed to signal Gretzky's historic goal.

Chants of "Gretzky, Gretzky, Gretzky" thundered in the arena.

It's almost as if Gretzky had planned to be in a position to tie or break the record in Edmonton, a city which erected a larger than life statue of "The Great One" in front of the Northlands Coliseum.

Even more remarkably, Gretzky, 28, took just over 10 seasons and nearly a thousand fewer games — 780 to 1,767 — to reach the 1,850-point total for goals and assists that Howe amassed over 26 seasons.

The main reason is that Gretzky nets goals in bunches. He holds the NHL record for most three-or-more goal games in a season — 10 which he achieved twice — and has scored a hat-trick or better 45 times. No one else comes close.

"Only once in 10 years has Gretzky failed to score at least 50 goals in an 80-game regular season and his ability to set up scoring opportunities for teammates with precision passing is unrivaled."

Before the game Edmonton defenseman Kevin Lowe, the 1st NHL point — an assist that came October 10, 1979 — said: "It is kind of strange that a few short years ago, he was 1,000 points away from Howe and all of a sudden, he is going to break it."

"I am glad to have played with him and I am glad to have seen most of those points," Lowe said.

Gretzky was not even born in 1980 when the Detroit Red Wings' Howe eclipsed the previous mark set by the Montreal Canadiens' Maurice "The Rocket" Richard.

Howe has always been the idol of the unassuming Gretzky, who even wears number 99 in tribute to Howe's number 9.

49ers beat Cowboys without Montana Dolphins snap Bengals' winning streak

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (AP): Dan Marino came alive and the Miami Dolphins killed the Cincinnati Bengals' winning streak at home in a National Football League match last night.

Marino, 5-for-15 for 59 yards in the first half, completed passes of 41, 34 and 36 yards to Mark Duper on three separate drives in the second half, setting up two touchdowns and a field goal.

Marino also scored on a 1-yard bootleg in the third quarter as the Dolphins beat the Bengals 20-13. It was Cincinnati's first loss at Riverfront Stadium, known as "The Jungle," since 1987, a span of 12 games.

"After playing as poorly as we did in the first half today, our defense kept us in the ballgame," coach Don Shula said. "If we did anything at all offensively, we knew we could win the game."

Also scoring surprising road wins were Detroit, Houston and Pittsburgh.

The Lions got their first victory of the year on Rodney Peete's 5-yard run and Eddie Murray's conversion with 23 seconds remaining for a 17-16 decision at Tampa Bay. The Oilers shocked Chicago 33-28, getting the winning points on Lorenzo White's 12-yard run with 1:46 to go. Pittsburgh, embarrassed 51-0 in the season-opener against the Browns, won at Cleveland 17-7, forcing seven turnovers.

Elsewhere, it was Minnesota 26, Green Bay 14 in Herschel Walker's debut for the Vikings; San Francisco 31, Dallas 14, even though Joe Montana did not play; the New York Giants 20, Washington 17; Atlanta 16, New England 15; the Los Angeles Raiders 20, Kansas City 14; Denver 14, Indianapolis 3; Seattle 17, San Diego 16; Philadelphia 17, Phoenix 5; and New Orleans 29, the New York Jets 14.

This evening, the unbeaten Los Angeles Rams were at Buffalo.

Lions 17, Buccaneers 16
Peete's 5-yard scramble on fourth down helped Detroit overcome four turnovers and win for the first time since the 14th week of last season.

The Lions took advantage of the absence of injured quarterback Vinny Testaverde for Tampa Bay, which beat Chicago last week. Joe Ferguson, the NFL's oldest player at 39, started and completed 16 of 29 passes for 128 yards.

Oilers 33, Bears 28
The Bears led most of the way, but Houston — which usually has painful experiences away from its "house of pain" home — scored two touchdowns in the final four minutes.

White's winner was set up when Allen Pinkett ripped off a 60-yard gain. The Oilers had closed within 28-26 on a 1-yard run by Warren Moon with 3:38 left.

The loss was the second straight for the Bears, only the second time since 1984 that they had lost two in a row. The last time was in 1987 to San Francisco and Houston.

The Bears (4-2) fell into a tie for first place in the Central Division with Minnesota. Houston is 3-3.

Mike Tomczak was intercepted four times but also had three touchdown passes for Chicago, including a 79-yarder to Dennis Gentry, who taunted cornerback Richard Johnson as he headed into the end zone.

Steelers 17, Browns 7
In a sloppy game that was a complete turnaround of their meeting in the first week, the Steelers broke a seven-game losing streak against the Browns and won at Cleveland for the first time since 1981.

Pittsburgh put Bernie Kosar through one of his worst games, intercepting him four times and limiting him to 15-for-41 for 162 yards.

Todd Blackledge, subbing for injured Bubba Brister, threw a



Tomczak (right): had three touchdown passes for Bears

14-yard touchdown pass to Rodney Carter in the third quarter and Dwight Stone returned a fourth-quarter kickoff 73 yards to set up a 1-yard scoring run by Warren Williams.

Vikings 28, Packers 14
It didn't take Herschel Walker long to get accustomed to life in the Metrodome. The first time he touched the ball, four yards deep in the end zone on a kickoff, he returned it 51 yards down the right sideline. The return was called back by a penalty but the message was made.

Walker, acquired in a trade for five players and as many as seven draft choices earlier last week, ran for 148 yards, including a 47-yard run on which he lost his shoe. He became the first Viking to go over 100 yards in two years.

49ers 31, Cowboys 14
Even without Montana (sore

elbow), the 49ers had too much for winless Dallas, off to its worst start since its first season, 1960. Steve Young, making his first start of the season, hit Jerry Rice with an 8-yard pass to put San Francisco ahead to stay.

Two big defensive plays were the difference. A blocked field goal that Johnny Jackson returned 62 yards for a touchdown and Tom Holmoe's interception of Steve Walsh kept Dallas from a chance at winning in its first game without Walker.

The 49ers earned their fifth road victory against a single loss at home.

Giants 20, Redskins 17
Phil Simms threw fourth-quarter touchdown passes to Mark Bavaro and Odessa Turner for the Giants (5-1), who beat Washington for the fourth straight time. The Redskins'

three losses have been to their main rivals for the division title, New York, twice, and Philadelphia.

Falcons 16, Patriots 15
Paul McFadden's 22-yard field goal with five seconds remaining broke Atlanta's three-game slide.

The Falcons (2-4) drove 67 yards in 11 plays for the winning field goal. Chris Miller completed a 20-yard pass to rookie Shawn Collins on a fourth-and-10 play to keep the winning drive alive.

Deion Sanders' 60-yard kickoff return earlier set up a 30-yard Atlanta scoring drive, capped by Keith Jones' 1-yard run to the New England lead to 15-13. The Patriots (2-4) did not score in the second half and Greg Davis, who kicked three field goals, missed a conversion that was decisive.

Broncos 14, Colts 3
Eric Dickerson managed only 35 yards on 13 carries and the Colts had only 44 yards rushing and 128 yards total offense. Indianapolis had won three straight. Denver is 5-1, the best record in the AFC.

Denver's defense mounted a fierce goal-line stand midway through the third quarter. The Colts missed on four plays after having a first-and-goal at the Denver 3. On fourth down at the 1, Dickerson was dumped for a 1-yard loss by Karl Mecklenburg and Steve Atwater.

Denver's touchdowns came on a 1-yard plunge by Sammy Winder and a 2-yarder by Bobby Humphrey. Dean Biasucci kicked a career-best 55-yard field goal for the Colts.

Raiders 20, Chargers 14
Bo is back and the Raiders got 85 yards and a touchdown from him. Jackson reported to the Raiders last Wednesday, just 10 days after his baseball season with the Kansas City Royals ended.

The Raiders raised their record under Art Shell, the first black head coach in the modern NFL era, to 2-0 and are 3-3 overall. The Chiefs fell to 2-4.

Eagles 17, Cardinals 5
Randall Cunningham and Chris Carter combined on two second-half touchdowns passes as Philadelphia handed Phoenix its fourth straight loss.

Cunningham, who completed just four of 11 passes for 33 yards and was intercepted three times in the first half, finished 16 of 29 for 192 yards and passed the 10,000-yard mark in his five-year NFL career. Carter scored on TD passes of two and 40 yards.

Seahawks 17, Chargers 16
Seattle blocked an extra point and a field goal attempt in the final five minutes.

After Marion Butts scored on a 2-yard run to make it 17-16, Jeff Bryant blocked Chris Bahr's extra point try.

James Jefferson fumbled the

ensuing kickoff and San Diego recovered at the Seahawks' 18. But the Chargers fumbled twice and wound up on the 33 and Bahr's 51-yard field goal was blocked by Joe Nash.

Saints 29, Jets 14
New York's slide continued and New Orleans ended a four-game losing streak. The Jets' offense has scored one touchdown in the last three games.

Bobby Hebert threw for touchdowns of four and 53 yards to Eric Martin and three yards to Lonzell Hill.

Jumpy Geathers recovered two fumbles for the Saints.

The Jets (1-5), off to their worst start since 1981, got their scores on a 34-yard interception return by James Hasty and when Erik McMillan scooped up a fumble by Craig Heyward and ran it 74 yards.

Standings

Standing of National Football League teams after games played yesterday (tabulate under won, lost, tied, points for, against):

American Conference		National Conference		
W	L	W	L	
Buffalo	3	2	133	140
Indianapolis	3	3	111	108
Miami	3	3	121	142
New England	2	4	88	132
N.Y. Jets	1	5	119	158

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division	
W	L	W	L	W	L
Cincinnati	4	2	136	94	
Cleveland	3	3	136	88	
Houston	3	3	167	170	
Pittsburgh	3	3	93	142	

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division	
W	L	W	L	W	L
Dallas	5	1	136	84	
San Francisco	3	3	134	114	
San Diego	3	3	112	124	
San Francisco	4	0	102	126	
Kansas City	2	4	101	131	

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division	
W	L	W	L	W	L
N.Y. Giants	5	1	155	96	
Philadelphia	4	2	142	143	
Washington	3	3	154	138	
Phoenix	2	4	103	143	
Dallas	0	6	68	177	

Central Division		Western Division		
W	L	W	L	
Chicago	4	2	192	136
Minnesota	4	2	126	106
Green Bay	3	3	162	158
Tampa Bay	3	3	120	120
Detroit	1	5	91	150

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division	
W	L	W	L	W	L
L.A. Rams	5	0	142	102	
San Francisco	5	1	155	115	
Atlanta F	2	4	108	129	
New Orleans	2	4	135	110	

Borg's friends express disbelief

Superstar accused of taking cocaine



Bjorn Borg

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 16, (AP): Bjorn Borg's ex-coach says it just can't be true that the retired tennis superstar used cocaine.

The coach and other friends dismissed a Swedish magazine report in which Borg's former girlfriend Jannike Bjorling claimed that the five-time Wimbledon champion used cocaine on numerous occasions after they met in 1984.

Bjorling's allegations are to be published in the next issue of "Z" magazine. Expressen, Scandinavia's biggest newspaper, published excerpts of the interview yesterday.

"I'm very surprised. I know Bjorn well and this is hard to believe," Borg's former coach, Percy Rosberg, told the Associated Press. "I never saw any signs that Bjorn might have used it."

Borg, 33, who also won six French Opens and is considered to be history's best clay court player, was reportedly in Milan and not immediately available for comment. He recently married Italian rock singer Loredana Berté.

Borg has denied several times that he used drugs, and he said in a newspaper interview earlier this year that "I hate drugs. I hate what drugs do to young people and I would never touch it."

Borg's lawyer, Henning Sjostrom, told Expressen

that his client would sue Bjorling for slander.

"This is shameful and she will regret this tremendously," Sjostrom was quoted as saying. "She's only trying to make money and making up lies about Borg in view of the custody fight for their son."

Peter Lundgren, a playing partner of Borg, said the former champion is in too good physical shape to be using drugs.

"These allegations are horrible," Lundgren said in a telephone interview from Skelleftea in north Sweden.

Goran Tholerus, the editor of a Swedish tennis magazine who has known Borg since the early 70s, agreed.

"This is a guy who still takes his tennis training seriously," Tholerus said. "I see Borg regularly and he just can't be a drug abuser. He's still in great shape."

Borg met Bjorling during a beauty contest in a Stockholm disco more than five years ago, shortly after Borg and his former wife Mariana Simionescu of Romania filed for divorce.

The following year the couple had a son, Robin, and Borg moved back to Sweden from the tax haven of Monte Carlo, where he had resided since the mid-70s to avoid high Swedish taxes.

JUDO Ogawa gives Japan third world title

BELGRADE, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Heavyweight Naoya Ogawa saved Japan from a poor overall result at the World Judo Championships when he won yesterday open weight category with a hold down in the final against Akaky Kibordiladze of the Soviet Union.

His victory gave Japan supremacy in the men's competition with three gold medals.

Ogawa, who cruised through the heavyweight class on the first day of the championships, did much the same in the open division, winning every fight with Ippon (10 points).

In the quarterfinals, he held down Francisco Moreno, the Cuban he beat in the final of the heavyweight category, and threw Kim Kim-Soo of South Korea in the semifinals.

Kibordiladze was his easiest fight. After one and a half minutes, the Russian made a poor attack and finished at Ogawa's feet. The Japanese retained the title he won in 1987 when still a teenager simply by clamping on a hold.

Japanese coach Yasuhiro Yamashita, Olympic world champion and unbeaten for more than a decade, said: "Ogawa is very strong. I hope he will be about 20 per cent stronger for the Barcelona Olympics."

He is not yet at his peak — he needs to work harder on his ground work — but he has a very strong spirit."

The bantamweight (60 kg) final was won by European champion Amiran Totikashvili of the Soviet Union, who knocked down Japan's Koshino Todoronori for a yuko (five points).

But Totikashvili reached the final only after winning a controversial match against South Korean Yoon Hyun.



Matchplay championship

Britain's Nick Faldo kisses his youngest son Matthew after winning the World Matchplay Golf Championship at Wentworth, England, on Sunday. Faldo sank a 20-foot putt for a birdie at the final hole to win the title by one hole from fellow Briton Ian Woosnam. (Reuters wirephoto)

Feherty fed up with golf

MUNICH, West Germany, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Briton David Feherty won the Munich international golf tournament and accompanying \$72,000 prize yesterday, then admitted: "I don't enjoy playing this game anymore."

He finished the most memorable tournament of his 14 years on the professional circuit with a 19-under-par aggregate of 269, five strokes clear of American Fred Couples in second place.

Although delighted with his first title for three years and the biggest pay cheque of his life, Feherty said: "Anyone who enjoys feeling the way I did out there today is a pervert."

"I only enjoy the game when it is over and I look back on it. I stopped enjoying golf over the last three or four years when I started working hard on my swing."

"Quite often the game makes you despise yourself — and then something like this happens and it gives you a little esteem."

McEnroe brings out the best in Connors



TOULOUSE, France, Oct. 16, (AP): Jimmy Connors says that John McEnroe brings out the best in his tennis.

He was right yesterday as Connors played his best match in years by winning his 108th career title over McEnroe, beating him 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the Toulouse Grand Prix tennis tournament.

"To play McEnroe brings out the best in the both of us," Connors said. "We have a great rivalry and it makes for better tennis."

It was the 33rd time that Connors and McEnroe met. The first time was at Wimbledon in the 1977 semifinals when McEnroe was an 18-year-old qualifier. Connors won in four sets.

Yesterday, Connors, 37, dominated McEnroe, 30, like he did in the early days of their rivalry.

"I didn't feel I was playing that badly. I can't remember the last time he played that well," McEnroe said. "I would have liked to see him play Boris Becker today."

"I don't think I can play any better than that. It's something you dream about," Connors said. "To go out and hit the ball that well for two hours is pretty good."

Before yesterday, their most recent encounter was in the Canadian Open in 1987 when Connors won in a quarterfinal. McEnroe had won 10 straight times before that and now leads the series, 19-14.

They also have met 14 times in tournament finals with McEnroe up, 8-6.

Yesterday's match was Connors' first final since last year's Toulouse tennis tournament.

Connors was hot from the start. "In the first game I hit the ball so crisp and solid I knew I was going to play great tennis," Connors said. "Not many balls got by me. I was in position to hit everything clean and that was a big factor."

He countered the top-seeded McEnroe's net approaches with brilliant passing shots down the line and teasing cross-court placements. He also had deep approach shots that forced McEnroe into errors or easy volleys by Connors.

Connors outplayed McEnroe by jumping on McEnroe's serve.

"The key to my win was my return of serves," Connors said. "I was moving well and I was constantly on top of the ball."

"Against Jimmy's return today, it would have been amazing against Becker," McEnroe said.

Connors broke for a 3-1 lead in the first set and held that advantage the rest of the way of the 58-minute set.

In the second set, Connors came from 2-3, 15-40 down and took 11 consecutive points on his way to taking the final four games of the match.

"That's the best I can play," Connors said. "To go out and play that well and win 6-3, 6-3, is pretty good for me."

Neither player has appeared in a Grand Slam final in more than four years or won one in more than five years.

Colombia in place for Cup finals berth

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, Oct. 16, (Reuters): A 73rd minute goal by Albeiro Usurriaga gave Colombia a 1-0 victory over Israel yesterday and a timely option for a place in the World Cup soccer finals for the first time in 28 years.

The match, played in stifling heat at Colombia's biggest sports stadium in the Caribbean port of Barranquilla, was the first leg of a playoff between the winners of the Oceania qualifying group and a South American group.

Technically superior, the Colombians launched waves of attacks that repeatedly hit the Israeli defensive wall until Usurriaga's goal made the 60,000-capacity crowd ecstatic.

Usurriaga, who had come on at halftime to inject fresh blood to an ineffective attack, originated a one-two and blasted a low shot from seven metres to beat goalkeeper Bonnie Ginzburg.

On the rare previous occasions Colombia had managed to pierce the disciplined defense, Ginzburg, who plays for Rangers in Scotland's Premier League, rose to the challenge.

Colombia may have played below their pre-match expectations, but they achieved the win they needed for a confident trip to Israel for the return leg on October 30.

Colombia last played in World Cup finals in 1962 in Chile. Israel's only appearance was in Mexico in 1970.

Al Hajri makes rallying history

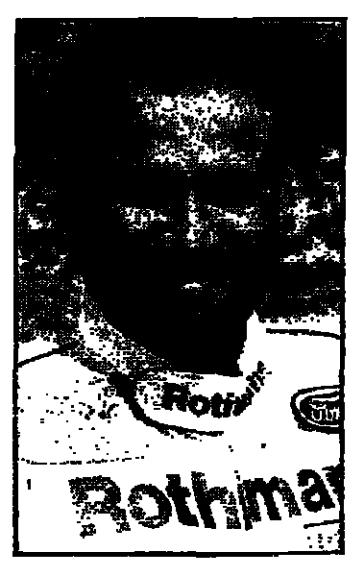
SAEED AL HAJRI found himself a place in rallying's history books, when he wheeled the Rothmans Ford Rally Team Sierra across the finishing ramp of the Cork 20 Rally on Sunday.

The Rothmans star from Qatar became the first Arab driver to win an international rally outside the Middle East region.

"This really has been a landmark in my rallying career," said the former Middle East champion. "Earlier this year I took World Championship points when I finished eighth in the Rothmans Rally of New Zealand, now I have won a major international rally."

Saeed's win in the all-tarmac Cork 20 Rally in Southern Ireland was remarkable. The two-day event used narrow and twisty tarmac roads in the Cork area, where four-wheel drive cars would have felt at home on the slippery, and sometimes muddy, surfaces. Instead, Saeed had to rely on a powerful two-wheel drive Sierra Cosworth built by David Sutton to carry off the victory.

And what a victory, with Saeed's closest rival a full six



Al Hajri

minutes behind at the finish, after 21 high speed stages.

Saeed, with Britain's Steve Bond co-driving the powerful Rothmans Ford, shot into a slender lead on the eleventh stage, reaching the end of the first day's rallying 47 seconds ahead of the field. He then showed his skill in

the treacherously slippery mountain stages of the second and final day, running away at the head of the rally to establish a massive six minutes advantage.

"It was an honour to sit beside Saeed," remarked co-driver Bond at the Cork finish on Sunday evening. "I have never seen him drive so well — and the conditions of the roads were far from ideal. It's no wonder the Irish spectators have given him the nick-name 'Sideways Sid' — I don't think I have spent so much time in a car looking at the road ahead through the side windows!"

Saeed Al Hajri has now firmly established himself as a major force in rallying outside the Middle East. The Cork 20 Rally was a very specialised event and for him to beat the local drivers on their home ground speaks realms of his driving skill and the way he thinks his way through to victory.

This was his third visit to Ireland. He finished second on the 1986 Galway Rally driving a Rothmans Team Porsche 911, but failed to finish the Circuit of Ireland Rally that same year.

Sabatini triumphs

Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini makes a fist after taking the last point to beat Marie Jo Fernandez, of the United States, during the final of the women's tennis Grand Prix in Filderstadt, near Stuttgart, on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

SPORTS

High-scoring clubs in good heart for Cup showdowns

BARCELONA. Real Madrid, PSV Eindhoven and Benfica all warmed up in style for important soccer engagements this week during a high-scoring weekend of European League matches.

Barcelona, heavily criticised earlier this season, continued where they left off in their 3-0 defeat of Real Madrid the previous week by thrashing Rayo Vallecano 7-1 to move up to seventh in the Spanish League and post a

warning to Belgian side Anderlecht, their Cup Winners' Cup opponents tomorrow. Real themselves bounced back with a 4-0 win over Malaga to go to top of the table alongside Atletico Madrid, who slumped to a surprising 3-0 defeat, their first of the season, at Valladolid.

Real manager John Toshack, who flew with his team to Milan yesterday for their eagerly awaited European Cup tie against

AC Milan, is determined his players should avenge their 5-0 defeat against the same opponents last season.

A further boost for Real was the news that key striker Emilio Butragueno, doubtful for tomorrow's game after a recent injury, would travel to Milan. The team doctor said his chances of playing were 50/50.

"The truth is that my ankle is still bothering

me but I am better every day," said Butragueno. "We won't know until Tuesday whether I will be able to play."

Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven continued their tremendous goal-scoring form by demolishing M.C.C. Maasticht 8-1, helped admittedly by three own goals from their opponents.

"MVV seemed to be striving for a record own goal hat-trick," wrote Volkskrant news-

paper, referring to the two MVV's hapless Hans Linders managed within 13 minutes of Saturday's match.

PSV's Brazilian striker Romario, who scarcely touched the ball in the first half hour, eventually hit a hat-trick in the correct net.

But PSV trainer Guus Hiddink is worried that the unchallenging match against MVV coming so soon after the 9-1 slaughter of Sparta a week ago could make his team

complacent when they meet Steaua Bucharest in the European Cup tomorrow.

"It was all too easy," Hiddink remarked afterwards. "The team is very eager, but that eagerness could be fatal in Bucharest where control is to be prized," he said.

Ajax Amsterdam, already sobered by their one-season UEFA ban, played out a lacklustre 0-0 draw with Fortuna Sittard.

French football came down with a bump at

the weekend after last Wednesday encouraging 3-0 World Cup win for the national team against Scotland with the

Monaco of the five French clubs in European action this week managing a League win.

Marseille's multi-million-franc team could only draw 1-1 at home to newly crowned

worrying sign before tomorrow's European Cup encounter with Aek Athens at the Velodrome.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rangers' star

GLASGOW, Oct. 16, (UPI): Glasgow Rangers soccer star Mo Johnston is in hiding after a firebomb attack on his home yesterday. Johnston, this summer became the first Catholic to sign for Rangers and had received death threats from Protestants determined to drive him out of the club.

Price slump

LONDON, Oct. 16, (UPI): Millwall soccer club launched itself on the stock market today, amid fears of a serious share price slump. "Obviously, we would have liked to have picked a better day to launch, I don't know how the market will be but our shares are likely to be 22 pence to buy and 20 pence to sell," chairman Reg Burr said.

Joint team

TOKYO, Oct. 16, (UPI): North Korea has agreed to resume sports talks with the South Friday to discuss formation of a single team to compete in the Asian Games in Beijing next year, its official news agency reported today.

Chabot sacked

MARTIGNY, Switzerland, Oct. 16, (UPI): Canadian coach Louis Chabot has been sacked by Swiss hockey club Martigny, even though the team is unbeaten and heads the Second Division.

Spain triumph

SAN JUAN, Argentina, Oct. 16, (AP): Spain scored two goals in overtime play yesterday to defeat Portugal 2-1 and win the 29th World Roller Skating Hockey Championship in this western Argentine city.

NHL games

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League games played yesterday:

New York	4	Pittsburgh	2
Los Angeles	3	Edmonton	4
Vancouver	7	Boston Bruins	6
Calgary	3	Philadelphia	2
Chicago	3	Detroit	0

Race cancelled

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Today's scheduled fifth race of the World Tornado Class Yachting Championships was cancelled by officials yesterday as hurricane Jerry approached the Texas coast.

Sporting lead

LISBON, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Sporting Lisbon returned to the top of the Portuguese First Division soccer championship yesterday after a 1-0 home win over Porto with an own goal by midfielder Antonio Andres.

All Blacks

LONDON, Oct. 16, (Reuters): The New Zealand All Blacks will be led by lock Gary Whetton when they play Pontypool in the second match of their Welsh tour on Wednesday.

Injured gymnast

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Gymnasts at the World Championships in Stuttgart set up a fund today to help Puerto Rican Adriana Duffy, who may be paralysed for life after slipping from the vault in training last Thursday.

Sutton claim

CARDIFF, Oct. 16, (Reuters): The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) said today it would investigate allegations by former international Steve Sutton that a leading union official offered him money to join the recent World Cup tour of South Africa.

Former driver

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 16, (AP): Fred Agabashian, a former Indianapolis 500 driver known for his interest in developing cars, has died at age 76. Agabashian, who died in a crash in California, competed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 11 consecutive races in the 1940s and 1950s, with a top finish of fourth in 1953.

India thrash W. Indies

Kapil named Man of the Match

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct. 16, (Reuters): India avenged their five-wicket defeat by West Indies in the opening match of the tournament when they beat them by 37 runs in the Sharjah Cup one-day tournament today.

Chasing a modest target of 212 in 50 overs, the holders were bundled out for 174 in 46.4 overs.

While India's Kapil Dev won the Man of the Match award for a fighting innings of 41, his side's top score, and his two for 19 return, it proved an unhappy game for his West Indian counterpart, Viv Richards.

Richards, struck on the finger while fielding, had hoped he would not be required to bat, but as wickets tumbled he was forced to come in at the fall of the seventh wicket.

Any hopes West Indies harboured of Richards turning the game in their favour were soon dashed when he was run out for five.

The West Indies' innings had begun in unfortunate fashion with opener Phil Simmons given out to a slip catch, although a television replay showed the ball hit his boot.

Only Richie Richardson, with 39, Malcolm Marshall (40) and Jeff Dujon (37 not out) made significant contributions.

Earlier in the morning, West Indies' pace attack restricted India to 211 for nine wickets despite a fighting knock by Kapil Dev.

Kapil Dev failed to inspire his fellow batsmen and finished top



Kapil: put in an excellent performance

scorer as India, beaten in their first two matches in the tournament, struggled against the bowling of Curtly Ambrose, Winston Benjamin and Courtney Walsh on a good batting wicket.

Captain and opener Krishnamachari Srikkanth was bowled by Walsh for 40 and Dilip Vengsarkar and Ravi Shastri were both run out unnecessarily

for six, falling to quick throws by Richardson and Keith Arthurton respectively.

India's in-form Navtej Sidhu, his side's top scorer with 108 against Pakistan yesterday, did not play today because of a leg injury.

West Indies made one change from the side beaten by Pakistan, bringing in Benjamin for Ian Bishop. India brought back Ajay

Sharma for Chetan Sharma and Raman Lamba replaced Sidhu.

The West Indies wind up their tournament matches against Pakistan tomorrow, the fifth game in the six-match tournament which ends Oct. 20.

Scoreboard

INDIA
K. Srikkanth b Walsh...40
R. Lamba b Ambrose...18
M. Amarnath c Richards b Benjamin...29
D. Vengsarkar run out...28
M. Azharuddin b Walsh...28
A. Sharma c Richardson b Ambrose...2
Kapil Dev b Benjamin...41
R. Shastri run out...5
M. Prabhakar b Marshall...8
K. More not out...2
A. Ayub not out...24
Extras (lb-10 w-11 nb-3)...24
Total (50 overs)...211
Fall of wickets: 1-37 2-76 3-82 4-115 5-123 6-149 7-164 8-179 9-201
Bowling: Ambrose 10-1-43-2, Benjamin 10-1-36-2, Walsh 10-1-32-2, Marshall 10-0-50-1, Richards 10-0-46-0

WEST INDIES

D. Simmons c Vengsarkar b Prabhakar...3
P. Simmons c Vengsarkar b Prabhakar...3
R. Richardson run out...39
K. Arthurton b Ayub...16
C. Best c Vengsarkar b Ayub...5
J. Dujon not out...37
M. Marshall b A. Sharma...40
C. Ambrose st Srikkanth b Shastri...3
R. Shastri run out...5
V. Benjamin st More b A. Sharma 10-44-2, Srikkanth 2-0-15-0
Extras (lb-9 w-1 nb-2)...12
Total (all out in 46.4 overs)...174
Fall of wickets: 1-5 2-24 3-59 4-71 5-78 6-129 7-146 8-157 9-171
Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-4-1-19-2, Prabhakar 7-1-18-1, Ayub 10-0-29-2, Shastri 10-0-40-1, A. Sharma 10-0-44-2, Srikkanth 2-0-15-0
Result: India won by 37 runs.

Pakistan, Australia in final

SINGAPORE, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Top seeds Pakistan resisted a brave challenge from England to reach the final of the world team squash championship today.

Their opponents on Wednesday will be second-seeded Australia, who underlined their threat to Pakistan's hopes of a fifth successive title by executing a ruthless 3-0 victory over 1987 runners-up New Zealand.

World number one Jahangir Khan had to withstand a fiery challenge from England's Del Harris in a hotly-contested semifinal to set up Pakistan's eventual 3-0 victory.

Although Jahangir won 9-5-9-4-1, he was forced into several "punishing rallies by the powerful England number one.

Jason Nicolle also tested the resolve of world

champion Jansher Khan in the second string encounter which the Pakistani won 9-5-1-9-5.

"It is going to be a good final against Australia," predicted Jahangir. "I am not worried about playing Chris Dittmar who beat me in the World Open semifinal. That was one defeat, I've won over 50 games with him."

"I've been playing well in the team event and won a lot of matches without losing many points. I'm confident I can win and Pakistan can retain the title."

In the second semifinal, Dittmar wore down former world champion Ross Norman in a tight first game and went on to win 9-6-9-4-9-0.

Australia's Rodney Martin, who will meet Jansher in the final, hit peak form to beat Rory Watt 9-4-9-1-9-0.

S.Korea overcome N. Korea

Qatar hold Saudi Arabia 1-1

SINGAPORE, Oct. 16, (Reuters): Asian champions Saudi Arabia were held to a 1-1 draw by unfancied Qatar in their World Cup Asia group final round soccer qualifying tournament today.

The Saudis, who scored in the third minute through a header by Saoud Al Suwaidi, appeared set for their first win in two games when disaster struck in the closing minutes.

Against the run of play the Qataris scored an equaliser in the 87th minute when left back

Jumah Salem fired a curling shot from midfield which was neatly headed by Mansoor Mufthah.

The Saudis, who lost their opening match in the six-nation round robin tournament to China last week, must win all their remaining matches to gain one of two berths reserved for Asia in the World Cup finals in Italy next year.

Qatar, who also drew with highly-rated South Korea last week, have two points from two matches.

In the second match of the day, South Korea beat North Korea 1-0 to take the top position in the standings. The only goal of the match was scored in the 20th minute of the first half by Hwang Seon-Hong.

South Korea now have three points from two matches and China are second with two points from one match. North Korea are at the bottom of the table on goal difference with only one point. Tomorrow China meet United Arab Emirates.

Gidwani hits even par for course record

SUHAIL GIDWANI (10) had the finest golf round of his ten year career when he carded a gross 71 (even par) which is a new club record to win the October medal at the Hunting and Equestrian Golf Club last Friday.

Despite two double bogies at the par-3 2nd and fifth, Gidwani carded four birdies at the 3rd, seventh, eighth, and fifteenth in addition to an eagle three on the par 5 twelfth. While his tee shot on the par 4 fourth was the longest of the day and won him the longest drive contest. The rest of the results were as follows:

Division A (0-14): Winner — S. Gidwani (10) with 61; 2nd K. H. Chung (8) with 67; 3rd A. Assaf (6) with 69.

Division B (15-20): On a count back: Winner P. Akesson (16) with 69; 2nd W. Colwell (15) with 69; 3rd A. Sawires (18) with 69.

Division C (21-up): Winner H. S. Nam (22) with 68; 2nd K. E. Lee (27) with 71; 3rd D. Kapadia (24) with 73.

In side competition, Sigrid Sawires won the longest drive for women while nearest to the pin contest on the par-3 second was won by K. H. Chung.

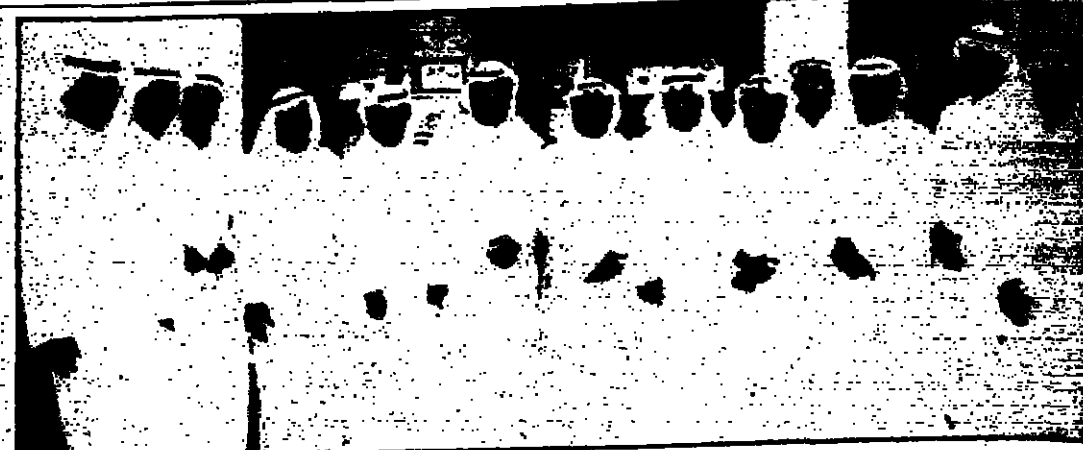
Mears scores first road course victory

MONTEREY, California, Oct. 16, (AP): The season championship eluded him and the Indianapolis 500 was out of his reach this year, but Rick Mears did attain one important goal in 1989.

The Indy-car "driver of the decade" won the Champion Spark Plug 300-kilometre (186-mile) race yesterday at Laguna Seca Raceway, his first road course victory in seven seasons.

"Our team engineer, Peter Gibbons, and my crew chief, Richard Buck, made our main goal after Indy my being in the winner's circle at a road course," Mears said.

Yesterday's victory was a dominating one for Mears, who led 47 of the 84 laps on the 2.124-mile, (3.418-kilometre) 11-turn circuit.



Sheikh Fahd with representatives of sports clubs.

Sheikh Fahd praises media

SHEIKH Fahd Al Ahmad, the deputy chairman of the organising committee of the Peace and Friendship Games, praised yesterday the important role the local dailies have been playing in covering the news of the Games.

This was stated by the secretary of the organising committee, Mohammed Othman after the meeting of the committee. He said that Sheikh Fahd informed the committee about the positive response he got from the officials of the local newspapers. Sheikh Fahd on Saturday visited the local daily newspapers and discussed with its officials the press coverage of the Games news.

The committee in its meeting yesterday also reviewed the progress of work of other sub-committees and their preparations for the Games due to start Oct. 30. Over 43 Organisations of Islamic Conference (OIC) members are taking part in five sports.

Sheikh Fahd also detailed the major obstacles being faced in the preparations for the Games. Othman added that the committee decided to continue contacts with some Islamic countries that did not send the names of its delegates and also decided to continue dialogue with Libya, Malaysia and Nigeria to make them participate in the Games so that all OIC members could be present. The committee praised the efforts of the Kuwait Airways for making the reservations for the participating teams.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad will patronise on Oct. 19 and 20, a shooting championship to be held at the Hunting and Equestrian Club. The championship is held within the celebrations of holding the Peace and Friendship Games. The championship will be held in both categories, skeet and trap. Entry for



the championship is open until Oct. 18.

The co-ordination committee of the Games held yesterday a meeting under its chairman, Mohammed Othman. The committee discussed ways of co-ordinating between representatives of Kuwaiti sports federations taking part in the Games. The committee asked the Health Ministry representative to ensure all the necessary medical services in stadiums, halls and training fields. It was also agreed to set up clinics at the hotels of the participating delegations. Doctors and

nurses will be provided in all stadiums and halls.

The vice-president of the Kuwait Handball Federation, Sheikh Ahmad Fahd Al Ahmad said yesterday that a Yugoslav handball club will arrive in Kuwait to play a number of friendly matches with the Kuwait national team in preparation for the Peace and Friendship Games. Sheikh Ahmad said that the federation may invite another European team for the same purpose.

Meanwhile, representatives of the sports clubs in the country will hold a meeting today, to discuss ways of contributing to the success of the Peace and Friendship Games. The meeting will start at 5 pm. The representatives of the clubs met yesterday with Sheikh Ahmad Fahd Al Ahmad and discussed with him ways of supporting the activities of the handball federation. The meeting also discussed ways to mobilise the crowds to attend matches of the Peace and Friendship Games. Sheikh Ahmad called upon the clubs representatives to urge their players and members to attend the matches.



Sheikh Ahmad (right) with the president of Al Arabi Club, Sheikh Ali Abdullah Al Sabah.

Boginskaya gives Soviets big lead



Silvas in action during her compulsory horse jump. (Reuters wirephoto)

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 16, (Reuters): The elegance and grace of Svetlana Boginskaya put the Soviet Union in a seemingly unbeatable position in the women's team competition at the World Gymnastics Championships today.

Though 16-year-old Boginskaya, Olympic vault champion, was eclipsed on two apparatus by team mate Olesia Dudnik and Romania Daniela Silivas, she proved the most consistent performer in the team compulsory exercises with 9.925 the lowest of her four marks.

Silivas, Olympic winner on three apparatus, had given defending women's team champions Romania hope early in the day with her mark of 10 on the vault — the first perfect score of the championships.

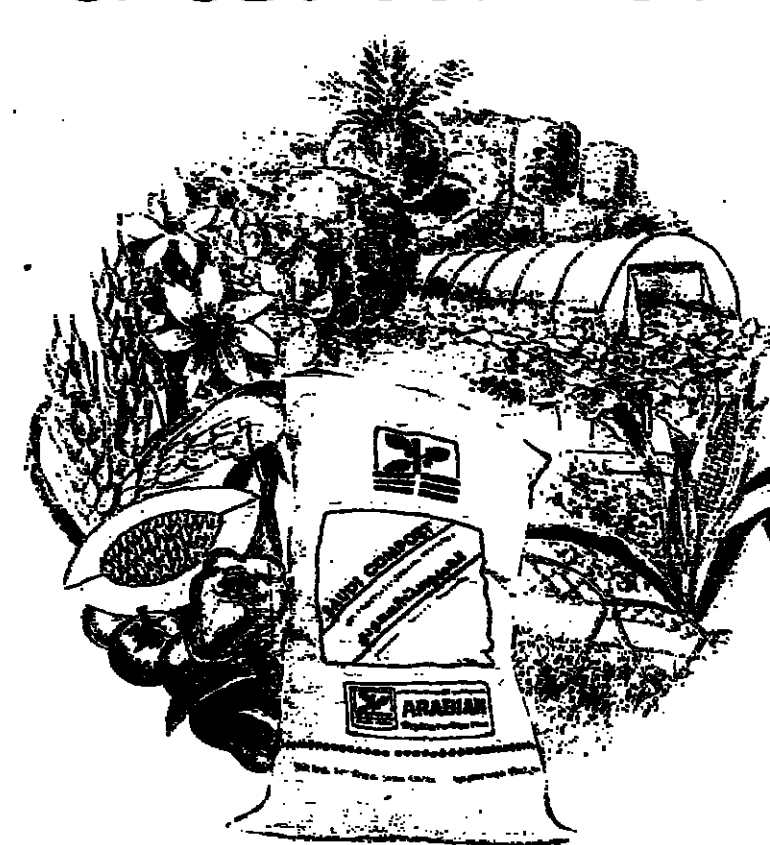
Dudnik, joint European beam champion, added a 10 for the Soviet women with a beautifully executed floor routine but then scotched her own chances in the individual event when she almost fell from the asymmetric bars and collected only 9.362.

Romania, with reigning world all-round champion Aurelia Dobre disappointing, were second after the compulsories but trailed the Soviet team by 196.44 points to 198.058 — a massive gap in gymnastics.

China, fourth at the last world championships two years ago, looked well poised for a medal thanks to a superb debut by Yang Bo, third in the individual standings, behind Boginskaya and Silivas, after three marks of 9.937 or more yesterday.

The Chinese were third on 195.896 with the United States fourth, two points further adrift, after 16-year-old Brandy Johnson, their best competitor at the Olympics, took 9.90 on the vault and moved eighth in the individual competition.

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